

March 12, 1973

(Start Belt #10)

SPEAKER: I believe Mr. Clerk we are now ready for general file. Bracketed on general file are two bills, first one is LB 255.

CLERK: Mr. President LB 255 was first considered on February 16, laid over and then bracketed, Title Read LB 255. The committee amendments Mr. President were adopted on February 22nd, there is an amendment by Senator Rasmussen to amend LB 255 (read). This amendment was first considered on March 5th, where the bill was then bracketed to March 12th.

SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk before we go into that amendment, I had a note here on the desk that there is some ladies here from Omaha, I think they are an unofficial group, I believe they are in the North balcony, with Mrs. Norm Ebel and I would like to recognize their presence, they are interested in the Abortion bill and some other things and they ask me as Speaker to sanction a distribution of some literature, I take no stand on the literature as Speaker, but I did authorize it's distribution, but we are glad to have you ladies here and we hope you enjoy yourselves. Yes, continue Mr. Clerk. Continue Mr. Clerk, you're on the amendment. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I introduced this amendment as I thought the fine was definitely out of line for the cost of the permit. The dollar fee or the five dollar fee and as you will note in the law he was subject to at least ten or up to a hundred dollars and perhaps thirty days in jail, I thought this was too stiff a penalty to pay for not having a dollar or a five dollar permit fee.

SPEAKER: Senator Carstens, or Carsten, excuse me, he passes, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the body, I would support Senator Rasmussen's amendment, certainly what they are attempting to do here, with this bill, is to charge a dollar admission to the public parks, and to put a person in jail for a period of thirty days, for failing to purchase this one dollar ticket I think, there is no question about it, that's an excessive penalty, I would support this amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore, did you, were you requesting the floor? Is there further discussion of Senator Rasmussen's amendment? If not are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the Rasmussen amendment, say aye, those opposed no. The ayes have it and the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: That's all the amendments Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Now what will you do with the bill? Senator Cal Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to hold this for just a few minutes, I had a couple of amendments drawn for this bill, and they were not correctly worded and I took them back and they should be back here in just a few minutes.

SPEAKER: Senator Carstens, you think that can be done within three or five minutes?

SENATOR CARSTENS: I certainly hope so, I was told they would be done shortly.

SPEAKER: There is another motion and it can be taken up, Senator Carpenter, while we are waiting for that.