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SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I move that the bill as amended be advanced. Mr. President, this bill, I don't believe there is any opposition to it, is introduced on behalf of non-resident property holders. Specifically, I introduced it for the railroads but it affects all nonproperty owners where there is a special taxing district formed or a special taxing district levies taxes. The problem here is that the law now does provide for publication by notice in a legal newspaper. However, if you do not live in the taxing district or more specifically now, the county, and unless you subscribe to a local newspaper, you do not know that you're interest may be affected and, therefore, nonresident property owners in this taxing district often times, at least sometimes, do not know that their property may be taxed and they don't know about the public hearings, so, in effect, they have no chance to appear. This just provides that the taxing district must give notice by mail to that nonresident owner and that's all the bill does and I move for its advancement.

SPEAKER: All those in favor of advancing LB 344 vote aye. All those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Chambers voting aye.

SPEAKER: The clerk will record.

CLERK: (Inaudible), Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. We will now take up LB 356.

CLERK: Read title. LB 356. There are amendments by Senator Syas Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. Strike "section" and insert "act".

SENATOR SYAS: ...adopt it. It's, all it is, as I recall, corrective.

SPEAKER: (Inaudible)..there is no need to discuss this amendment. All those in favor of adopting Senator Syas' amendment say aye. All those opposed. The amendment is adopted. Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: (Inaudible), members of the body, this bill provides for the licensure of taxidermists. The bill, itself, contains the requirements for doing this, provides the Game and Parks Commission with the authority to administer this, provides that the licensed taxidermist shall keep records of the receipt of wildlife species and the disposition of these species and provides penalties. There are two basic reasons for doing this. Number one is for the protection of the taxidermist himself. Right now federal regulations require that taxidermists handling any type of migratory fowl must be licensed by the Fish and Wildlife...Service. This is to protect the taxidermist in the possession of this wildlife while he is preparing it. Technically, he would be in violation if he does not have this authority to be working on this wildlife. We are attempting to do the same thing now in terms of non-migratory species of game fish and birds. There is another interest here and this is in attempting to give the wildlife Game and Parks people some means of tracing the course of where species are going, particularly with our concern with rare and endangered species, the role of the taxidermist is to prepare these species, to mount them only. In order to take these species, they can be taken only with a valid hunting license for game species or with a scientific collectors permit, and so this licensure procedure gives wildlife control people, both state and federal, a means of identifying where these species are going. I move the advancement of LB 356 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER: Any discussion. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye. All those opposed vote no.