

(Begin Belt 5)

March 26, 1974

PRESIDENT: Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendments adopted. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Now, Mr. President, I move this bill also be...LB983A...be advanced to E & R for Engrossing.

PRESIDENT: All those in favor of advancing the bill's amendments, say aye. Opposed no. Bill's advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB826 was returned to Select File for specific amendment by Senator Barnett.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I move to adopt the amendments to LB826. The purpose of this, as I touched on just a little while ago and I've talked to Senator Burbach about it, if we could have the attention of some of the people on the floor, I think this is important to them. I have passed around to you the amendment on LB826 where the funds in the electrical division shall be held by the State Treasurer until further direction by the Legislature. And also to repeal the sections 81-553 to 81-570 and the amendments thereto. At the present time this law is very ineffective. It's strictly a permissive law as you know. The State Electrical Board meets once a month just to approve licenses, that's it. This Body has seen fit not to try to improve this piece of legislation, not to agree to have inspections throughout the state. They've agreed not to make it mandatory to have electricians have state licenses, so therefore, you have a situation or you could have a situation where two men working side by side, one would be licensed by the State Electrical Board, the other one would not. It's a ridiculous piece of legislation the way it is, we've tried to improve it for the last two years and we continue...we've continued to meet objections and therefore, as I promised you on the floor the other day, this is the amendment and according to the bill drafter that will repeal the State Electrical Board because there's no sense in just having them approve licenses that is just a voluntary request. You're taking money from people right now and you're providing no service so, therefore, let's get the electrical board out of...out of the statutes, hold the money for at least a year, give the people, these electrical boards and these people that are working within the system, a chance to try and come up with something that would be appropriate for the state. And if they can't do it by next session, then I say we disperse the funds that we keep in escrow at this time. Now, I have talked to Senator Burbach about adding this to his bill. I want your attention specifically for this because we need the bill that he's got on the floor and I do not want you to put this on and then not vote for his bill. I would say that you support the issue, support the bill all the way so that we don't have any argument when it comes down to Final Reading. And this is what I talked to Senator Burbach about doing. Therefore, I give you the opportunity that I promised you the other day to repeal the state electrical law. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Burbach.