

January 16, 1975

CLERK: The motion is to re-refer LB 105 from Government to Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee. Signed, Senator Savage.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready to vote? Is there any further discussion? Then, are you ready to vote? Please record your vote. Have you all recorded? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, 11 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. It shall be referred.

CLERK: Mr. President, a Reference Committee report, the Senator Mahoney, refers LR 4 to General File.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, only a point on the Rules but I think we should not take machine votes when it is unnecessary. We have the unanimous consent. It should have been the motion and then you don't have to fool with the people on the floor and they don't know what they are voting on necessarily.

PRESIDENT: The chair is inclined to agree. On that specific instance, I think it's in order. Otherwise it would be a machine vote, and I apologize to the body.

CLERK: Mr. President, Health and Welfare Committee will meet at 10:30 under the North balcony. Signed, Senator Tom Kennedy. Mr. President, the Committee on Committees gives notice of Hearings requiring Legislative confirmation for Wednesday, June 22nd. Signed, Senator Savage, Chairman.

PRESIDENT: June 22nd?

CLERK: January 22nd, I am sorry. New bills, Mr. President. Legislative bills read. LB 225; LB 226; LB 227. Mr. President, notice of Committee Hearing, Miscellaneous Subjects Committee set bills for hearing. Signed, Senator Anderson, Chairman. Mr. President, Urban Affairs sets bills for hearing the week of January 22nd. Signed, Senator Fowler, Chairman. Mr. President, a motion on the desk. I move we consider LR 4 at this time. Signed, Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Would the clerk briefly restate LR 4. Is there a second to the motion? The chair rules that under our Rules this Resolution has to be treated as a bill and has to be referred. The chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, what we are talking about is the Equal Rights Amendment. The proponents of the Equal Right Amendment here today wish to handle this as quickly, as unemotionally, as efficiently as possible so that the Legislature will not have this controversy throughout the rest of the session. We are prepared to vote immediately. At the most, we want five or ten minutes of debate or explanation. Senator Marsh would give that and then we would live or die, however the votes go on this. I think every member of the Legislature would want to go along with this kind of a proposal to handle this immediately and right here today without further problems.

PRESIDENT: Will you make a motion, then, Senator?