

March 21, 1975

CLERK: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 493, on E & R for engrossing, until March 24th. Signed, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator who?

CLERK: Warner.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection to the request for unanimous consent? Seeing none, unanimous consent is granted and it's so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the committee on Miscellaneous Subjects gives notice an executive session will be held on Friday at 12 o'clock noon in Room 2230. Signed, Senator Anderson.

PRESIDENT: We're off Select File and on General File.

CLERK: Read title to LB 287.

Mr. President, motion on the desk. I move to indefinitely postpone LB 287. Signed, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers on his motion to indefinitely postpone 287.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and Senator Roland Luedtke, I'm moving to kill this bill because it's taking a lot of time. It seems clear to me that it's not going to advance. I think since it is tortured, it has been mutilated, it's time for the Legislature to mercifully put it to sleep and give it a burial. I think if it does not advance today, it would probably die anyway. We haven't been able to get past this bill to anything else. I think since it's clear it's not going to advance, we ought to go ahead and kill it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Is this another motion to kill? Well with all due respect to my good friend, Senator Chambers, I'm not sure whether you were present at the committee meeting when we heard this bill. The thing of it is that it is very essential that we do something about having more money put into the general fund in the area of paying for our judicial system. It still is a long way from paying for the entire system. I still insist that court costs are a proper way of assessing people who are causing the problems to help pay for them. I still insist, also, that the poor people, that Senator Chambers is concerned about and I'm concerned about, are not having to unduly bear this burden. They can, if they insist upon it, they can get lawyers assigned to them, as indigents; and they can get installments, fines, and cost systems set out for them so that they can pay them. It is not an unreasonable burden. This bill merely puts more money into the general fund. If this Legislature wants to take upon itself the position that we do not need anymore money in the general fund, go ahead and kill the bill.