

April 21, 1975

membership should be more or less of a small number of the Senators. Where we get into taking so many members to put on these special committees, I am afraid you are going to have every Senator assigned to more than one committee and I think we are going to have some real problems. I would suggest that maybe we should table this and have further study before we get in here and upset the balance on these committees and I have no objections. I did a few years ago of going from the four districts to three but at this time I don't carry those feelings into this but I think we are going too far too fast and we are going to upset the balance of these committees.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, will you close debate, then, by way of reply.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I have no reply. I will waive close.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is, the adoption of Senator Lewis amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 13 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I would like to move that LB 316 be indefinitely postponed. If this doesn't fit all committees, I can't see why one should be singled out.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I would oppose the kill motion of it. I think that is why Senator Lewis offered those amendments to try to help put every committee but this is the exact job that we was given to do now with just the Rules and Regulations, the Executive Board, and that is the intent of the bill now. It takes care of the Administrative Rules and Regulations and that is the only board that it affects and it puts three members from every Congressional district on the Board and I see no reason for Senator Lewis to want to kill the bill now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I would oppose the killing of it because this was very much a topic in the beginning meetings of the Executive Board and it come to us because there had been situations in the present Administrative Rules Committee, as far as the present appointments, that were being contested that there were too many members from one area and not enough representation from another and I think after much discussion in two separate meetings of the Executive Board, this bill was drafted to correct that and to be sure that in this newest of bills that we had, that all parts of the state would have representation on this committee and I would surely hate to see the bill killed because I know that come another Legislature, we will have this same problem and it got to be quite a problem in our meetings back in January. I think for this one committee it is almost necessary that we retain and keep this bill so that we can let the three districts be able to