

March 2, 1976

Mr. President, Senator Marvel asks to be excused until 2:00 p.m.

Mr. President, I move that we recess until 1:30, signed Senator Burbach.

PRESIDENT: You heard the motion. All in favor say aye, contrary say nay. We are in recess until 1:30.

NOON

SPEAKER BURBACH PRESIDING

SPEAKER BURBACH: Will the Legislature please come to order. Please register your presence. Will you please record your presence. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the last bill that we had under consideration was LB665, there is pending a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill by Senator Koch.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. Do you wish to be heard on this subject, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I feel that Senator Lewis by fate was dealt somewhat of an injustice this morning because time ran out and the impact of that stirring speech he gave was probably dissipated over the noon hour. But, Senator Lewis I don't think that you changed any minds. Maybe if people would think about this their mind would be changed. If they were for the bill they would become opposed to it after listening to your discussion. I heard you say that you resented the implications made by Senator Koch. Would you object to me referring to them as allegations? It also seemed that not only did he resent the allegations but the allegator also. But, in all seriousness I would say that this bill is pernicious. It says in the committee statement that the additional member would be appointed by the Governor for the initial term of six years. Thereafter this member would be elected in the same manner as other members. Now, that might have been a Freudian slip but it states a political reality of life. After being appointed to this term of six years, it is probably a foregone conclusion that the person would be re-elected. Be elected for the first time. I think that in a situation where people are going to be appointed by the Governor to legislatively created positions on the MUD board then to have fairness and proper representation, I feel that every substantial and unrepresented group on the MUD board should have representation appointed. My district has never had any representation on the MUD board. But, if you would look at the type of facilities that poor people live in, and the cost of these services as a result, more proportionately is paid in by them than the wealthier people. There was a concrete instance where the chairman of the MUD board waived the requirement that a person who lived in a