

LB 676, 684, 768, 812,  
884, 971, 971A, 834

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PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marvel asked to be excused this afternoon.

PRESIDENT: Would the Sergeant at Arms advise the Committee that we are in session and waiting for them. Record.

CLERK: A quorum is present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 77.. correction, 676 and find the same correctly engrossed; 684 correctly engrossed; 768 correctly engrossed; 812 correctly engrossed; 884 correctly engrossed; 971 correctly engrossed; and 971A correctly engrossed.

PRESIDENT: At the time of our recess, we were on General File 834.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 834 was under consideration at the time the adjournment motion came. The Committee amendments have been rejected. There are no further amendments pending on the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like, first, to start by conveying to the members of the Committee, Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee, my appreciation for their concerns on habitat protection. I am sympathetic to that. As you know, I voted on 488 favorably and I have been supporting of Senator Dworak's bill which was heard earlier again today. However, this was not the intention of this bill. I might add, though, if this bill were to be enacted and subsequently a general law was written, it would help to some substantial extent on habitat protection and particularly for fishing purposes, I am certain. Now I would like, very briefly, but of course to take as much time as you desire to go over some of the key points of the bill that I think you need to know. The first, of course, is that it is a constitutional amendment and it would provide if enacted by the people's vote that the Legislature is authorized to write general law on this subject and including penalties. Now the water areas that are proposed for partial or total tax exemption, and that is the first point to remember, partial or total, that would be up to the Legislature in writing the general law given the authority to do so, those water areas are restricted in this language to those which are man made, existing or future, but man made of any kind. That is the first important part and it does make the bill a workable one, at least one we could write a general law upon which would be workable. The second point I would like to call

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