

W. H. Hasebroock, Chairman. Mr. President, Constitutional Revision Committee will hold a brief meeting immediately upon recess. Signed Senator Koch, Chairman. Mr. President, one more new bill: LB 278 - Read title. (See page 200, Journal.) Mr. President, a Reference Committee report referring LB 194 through 242. Signed Senator Marvel, Chairman. Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

SENATOR MARVEL: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return LB 1 to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for a public hearing. I am not sure that motion is proper. Signed Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. President and members.

SENATOR MARVEL: Just a moment. The ruling is that the... (microphone off) All right, the correct motion would be simply to refer it to the Reference Committee.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I so move that it be referred to the Reference Committee.

SENATOR MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I so move. This bill was treated as a Revisor bill. It didn't have a hearing and it has been called to my attention by mayors of second class cities and they feel since the law presently reads one way that this would be indeed a change of the law so it should have a hearing. So I hope that the members of the body want to keep our government open to the public and this is one way we can do this by having a hearing on this bill. I spoke to the League of Municipalities, Dave Chambers, and he has no objection to this hearing and the Speaker agreed to this and I believe Senator Barnett agrees with this motion, too. So I move that this bill be referred to the Reference Committee.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Barnett, do you second the motion?

SENATOR BARNETT: I would second it but for a different reason. I don't want Senator Maresh standing up here and say those Revisor bills are changing the law because they are not changing the law. They are complying and bringing into compliance what the law already is. The reason they want to take that bill back is it would make a good vehicle to have a hearing on it. Anytime Burnett or anybody from the bill drafting or the E & R brings up a Revisor bill, it is not to change the law because that takes a public hearing. And I don't object to you taking it back but not for that same reason.

SENATOR MARVEL: Okay, you have heard the motion and the second. Is there any further discussion? Senator Maresh, do you want to close?

SENATOR MARESH: No, the only thing I want to call to your attention that the bill has to pass to clear this up, the way I understand. We have discussed this with Emory and I believe if the bill, in fact, would not pass, then the law would be the way it was before the last bill before