

in the Public Defenders Office that wish to be exempt the same as the County Attorney's Office, the ones in the Clerk's Office, part-time employees and the Deputy Sheriff's Office. There was no opposition to the bill in Committee. It was voted out unanimously. I would move that 136 be advanced to E & R for initial.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The motion is to advance the bill. Record your vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Read title to LB 172. There are committee amendments by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee. Then there is an amendment, Mr. President, offered by Senator Bereuter to the Committee amendment.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Do you want to adopt the Committee amendment?

PRESIDENT: I think we ought to take up the Committee amendments first. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. This, of course, is known as the environs bill. It pertains to the State Capitol and the area around it. The amendments were agreed to by the introducer and the City of Lincoln. There was only one person that testified against this and, of course, would be again the amendments. I would ask for the adoption of the Committee amendments and consider Senator Bereuter's.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting.

PRESIDENT: The Committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, Senator Bereuter offers an amendment to the Committee amendment. (Read Bereuter amendment found on page 489 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter, as you discuss your amendment to the Committee amendments would you also discuss the bill.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I will. The amendment is a two word deletion from the Committee amendments. It was an inadvertent addition by an amendment put in by the City of Lincoln. I'd like to explain the bill at this time. The bill has two primary purposes. The first purpose is to impose a height restriction cap on a Capitol environs district around the Capitol and four axes stretching out East, West, North and South from the Capitol. The height restrictions in all of the definitions, and I'd like to have you pay attention to this fact please so there is no confusion, the height restriction in all of the definitions are those that are now in effect in the City of Lincoln in this area. They are in effect at this time. So what this bill would be doing is providing some backbone for future city