

April 15, 1977

LB 516, 390, 390A, 509

SENATOR MARVEL: Clerk record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on motion to adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Are there any other amendments to 516, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: None on the desk.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I would move that we advance LB 516 to E & R Initial as amended.

SENATOR MARVEL: You've heard the motion. Seconded? All those in favor of the motion to advance the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on motion to advance.

SENATOR MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Privilege of the House. Last year, the Judiciary Committee authorized me to appear in federal district court to try to obtain information relative to a gambling indictment which mentioned that certain state officials and employees were involved. Judge Urbom for the three judge panel handed down a memo and an order today and I started to keep the senators in suspense. Take it easy, Senator Merz. I just want to read you one part of it, so that all senators and those who hold constitutional offices can breathe easily. "The entire transcript of the testimony of those appearing before the Grand Jury has been read by us. We say categorically that there is no evidence in the transcript of any misdemeanor by any civil office past or present of the State of Nebraska. Because the only persons over which the Legislature of the State of Nebraska has impeachment power are civil officers and because impeachment is the only basis which we are permitted to recognize for disclosure to Senator Chambers on behalf of the Legislature, there is no necessity shown for the disclosure of any of the testimony to him." So this is a statement indicating that there were no state officials, I don't know about employees. All they said was constitutional officers involved in the gambling indictment. I would like to ask for this time unanimous consent to have the order and the memorandum printed in the Journal. Then anybody who wants a copy can have the whole thing.

SENATOR MARVEL: You've heard the request. Objection? If not, so ordered. (Refer to pages 1442-1450 of the Journal). Senator Schmit, the consent calendar shows that the next two bills up are 390 and 390A. What is your pleasure? Do you want to look those over for a minute while we go to the next... Senator Maresh, LB 509. Are you ready to take it up? Senator Schmit, if it's alright with you we'll pass over temporarily and recognize Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. LB 509 was brought to us by the Labor Department...

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