

May 5, 1977

LR 78  
LB 91, 510, 52

ASSISTANT CLERK: Read title to LB 91. (Machine turned off).

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 510 pass. Record your vote. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: All voting aye, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Well LB 510 passes. On your worksheet and on the board is LB 530. It's not on your agenda, but that is going to be passed over today. That completes Final Reading. Alright. We take up item 6 on the agenda, LR 78. A resolution sponsored by Senator Luedtke and Senator Marvel. Which one of you senators will handle this? Senator Luedtke.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp asks to print amendments in the Journal to LB 52.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, may I ask the Clerk if Senator Cullan...did Senator Cullan get his request in to ask for his name to be added as an introducer of this resolution?

CLERK: Yes, it's on the resolution, Mr. President. Senator Cullan asks unanimous consent to add his name.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Alright. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, the legislative resolution is found on page 1789 of the Legislative Journal. (Read title to LR 78).

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I know how much this body delights in talking about naming buildings, but I hope that this one will not get us involved in such a wrangle and we will dispose of this one way or another rather quickly. This is something that we have acted upon before. It is the naming of the new State Office Building. By way of history, for those of you who were not in the Legislature over these many years, the new State Office Building was to have been dedicated back in 1967. It was to have been a centennial project. But at that particular phase the State Office Building failed completely. It was not until much later that we were able to come up through the cigarette tax route to devise a method of paying for this building. Two years ago the Legislature went on record unanimously recommending to the State Building Advisory Commission that the new State Office Building be named after the late Senator George C. Gerdes, a distinguished member of this body for many years. Last year, that was by way of a resolution. Last year I sent a letter to Mr. Matzke, and the State Building Advisory Commission, reminding them that we desired to see some action along this line since the State Office Building was soon to be occupied and that it ought to be named. There was a great amount of press coverage and press promotion which was unsolicited, I might add, at that time from the major media of this state suggesting that that was an excellent idea to name this building after our distinguished late member of this Legislature, George Gerdes. But instead the State Building Advisory Commission went the route of soliciting names from the public. I'm not saying this was wrong. This was their prerogative, they have the right to do this, they and the Governor, together with Mr. Matzke, can name this building. But they set out lists of solicitation and