

following the general election in every even numbered year, the council shall elect one of its members as president who shall be ex officio mayor and another as vice president who shall serve in the absence of the president." Now it seems that the reason for this bill is that if the president or if the mayor or the president and vice president are both gone, what happens and so this is taken care of in this line. "In the absence of the president and the vice president, the council may elect a temporary chair person." And that is the bill.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Cope, you have finished then? The question is the advancement of the bill. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. This is for the advancement of the bill, LB 591, and will you please vote. Senator Savage voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill is advanced. The next bill on the consent calendar is LB 586. Senator Mills, do you want to take that one up?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 586 was a bill introduced by Senator Jack Mills of the 44th District. It is a bill for an act relating to the Games and Parks Commission, to authorize such commission to modernize the Rock Creek Fish Hatchery, to make an appropriation for such purpose and to declare an emergency. The bill was read on January 4, 1978. It was referred to the Constitutional Revision and Recreational Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Mills, this is your bill.

SENATOR MILLS: Yes, sir. Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this effects the Rock Creek Fish Hatchery as is found in Dundy County but it certainly is not being proposed by them for that part of the state. It is for the fish hatchery. Rock Creek Fish Hatchery was built in 1924, and because of its cold water springs, it is the only, Mr. President, the only hatchery in the state where the Game and Parks Commission is successfully able to hatch trout eggs and rear the fry to a fingerling, the only place in the State of Nebraska for rearing trout. After they have reached the fingerling size, they are better able to withstand less than ideal conditions of other hatcheries and lakes and streams. This again is the only one in the state for trout. Presently the hatchery hatches about 525,000 trout eggs annually. Of these, about 400 reach the fingerling size. They are then transported all around the state, most of them being transplanted in the eastern part of the State of Nebraska. All of the trout stocked in Nebraska's lakes, rivers and streams, all of them have their start at Rock Creek Fish Hatchery. The Commission is also using the hatchery to experiment with native strains of rainbow trout that are more resistant to the waters of higher temperatures and a lower oxygen content.