

March 9, 1979

LR 17, 19

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Record the roll call, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Notices, reports or announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a communication from the Governor. Read. (See page 816, Legislative Journal.) That will be referred to the Committee on Committee for a confirmation hearing.

Mr. President, I have a report of Registered Lobbyists for the week of February 28 through March 8.

Mr. President, LR 17 is ready for your signature and LR 19 is ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of doing business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 17 and LR 19. We will then proceed with agenda item #5 for introduction of new bills. Request #834, Agriculture Committee. Senator DeCamp, both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Committee are absent. Would you handle Request #834 on the introduction of a new bill? Senator DeCamp, Senator Schmit is on his way up. Here he is. Senator Schmit, you are recognized on Request #834.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill was introduced by the Ag and Environment Committee at the request of principally Douglas County officials. There is a problem in Douglas County because of the green-belt law we passed a few years ago. It has to do with the taxing procedures of the various entities of government. It provides that in the event an area is developed, sold by a farmer to a developer and it has been taxed for agriculture purposes for a period of time, if they sell it within a five year period, it has to be taxed as industrial land. It seems that Douglas County interpreted the law that all property should be assessed for industrial purposes and then the individual owner has to appeal out. I really am not that familiar with the bill except that the county felt that this bill could clarify the legislative intent and, therefore, we did act to introduce the bill. I would