

February 21, 1980

LB 850, 612

CLERK: 37 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The rules are suspended. Now the motion, Senator Newell, the motion is made to withdraw and cancel the hearing. Any further discussion, Senator Newell? Any further discussion by anyone else? The motion then before the House is the withdrawal of the bill and cancellation of the hearing. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? This is on the actual withdrawal. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to withdraw, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, motion carries and the bill is withdrawn. The hearing is cancelled on LB 850. We are now ready for agenda item #6, Special Order by the Speaker, and we commence with LB 612, unless you have some matters to read in at this time, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, very briefly, if I may. Committee on Committees offers a report and at the same time offers a hearing schedule for Wednesday, February 20.

PRESIDENT: We are ready then. The Clerk will read then LB 612.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 612, title read. The bill was first read on January 9 of 1980. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 612 is a very simple bill. It is a bill which would create a state lottery. That is nothing that is a new concept. It is one that has been around this country for a long time. It is used right now in fourteen states. Those fourteen states have generated approximately \$90 million in revenue and it is a concept which I think is one that would be very appealing and is very appealing in this day and age when citizens are complaining about overtaxation and have said we have just had it up to here. LB 612 is a voluntary tax. It is not even a tax, but I might use that terminology. It is voluntary. Nobody is forced to buy a ticket. Nobody