

amended. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the amendments were the bill. I move for its advancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: I just did it. You want me to do it again? Mr. Speaker and colleagues....

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Any discussion on LB 314? If not, those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 314 is advanced. I would like to ask your indulgence for perhaps one more bill. LB 507. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 507 was introduced by Senator Miller. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22, was referred to the Ag Committee. The Ag Committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. On the amendments, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, all the committee amendment does is to change or delete some language in the bill that in requiring a financial statement to be filed with the Public Service Commission there has been an argument waged between our certified public accountants and the independent public accountants as to who is qualified to "compile" these reports. We have fought over this issue, at least internally within the Ag Committee and even on this floor, for the last couple of years. And neither side is really winning out. But we are once again in the midst of that issue. And what this amendment would do is to delete any language dealing with who would be required to "compile" those figures for us and allow the Public Service Commission to handle the issue and basically decide who is qualified, whether that would be a CPA or an independent accountant. So, at this point, all the language does is to strike any reference to who can "compile" the reports. The reports still have to be filed. It is just left