

April 5, 1988

LB 305, 305A, 1105, 1105A, 1165, 1217

PRESIDENT: Yes, please.

CLERK: Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor bills read on Final Reading this morning as of 12:40 p.m., Mr. President. That is all that I have. (See page 2030 of the Journal re. LB 305, LB 305A, LB 1105, LB 1105A, and LB 1165.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. LB 1217.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item on 1217 are Enrollment and Review amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 1217.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill. Senator, this is your amendment on page 1894 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, please. Just a minute, Senator Rod. (Cavel.) Shall we hold it down so we can hear Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I realize for most folks this is not an important issue, but for those of us from the rural area this is an important issue. The amendment that I'm offering is the first of two amendments that I'll offer on this bill, or potentially three. The first being that I would like to extend the ability of the Ethanol Board, in the area of influencing legislation, similar to that of four other commodity checkoff boards that we now have. Corn and wheat were authorized to influence legislation with no more than 25 percent of their funds back in 1985 through the passage of LB 60. Following that, beef and sorghum were added to the list. And, as I said, we have reserved their ability to spend funds in this area to only 25 percent of their overall budget. What I am proposing to do today is to expand that ability to the ethanol authority because I don't know maybe any of the checkoff boards that are affected more directly by federal legislation than in this particular area, based upon the 3 cent exemption the