

January 11, 1994 LB 262, 737

LB 262. The bill was originally introduced by Senators Abboud and Lindsay. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of last year. At that time, it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File. Committee amendments were adopted by the Legislature on April 28th of last year. At this time, I have nothing pending to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. Speaker, I would request that we pass over this bill at this time, if we could.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Let me refresh my memory. I believe that's a unanimous consent sort of request and if there is no objection, we'll pass over LB 262. And the next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 737, a bill introduced by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21. It was referred to the Natural Resources for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments to LB 737 are, in fact, the bill, and so into the discussion of the committee amendments we will, obviously, discuss the entire bill. Basically, with the committee amendment, what the bill does is to change the number of districts in the Game and Parks Commission from seven to nine, so that the membership of the commission, obviously, then would change from seven members to nine members, one from each district. At the same time that the number of commissioners increases, the district boundaries are also changed so as to accommodate changes in the demographics and population in the state since the 1960s. The boundaries of the Game and Parks Commission districts have not changed since the 1960s. When the bill was originally introduced it basically stuck fairly close to the concept that each district should include the same number of people. However, through negotiations with the members of the committee and in particular the members, the rural members of the Natural Resources Committee, we came out with a compromise and the compromise, you know, when it involves districts you can go a whole number of different ways but I