

March 11, 1994      LB 1005, 1129

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    LB 1005 passes. We now turn to Select File and LB 1129.

CLERK:      Madam President, 1129, Senator McKenzie, I have Enrollment and Review amendments pending, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The E & R amendments are adopted. Turn to the discussion of LB 1129. Excuse me, there is an amendment.

CLERK:      Madam President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Kristensen. Would you like to withdraw, Senator?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, I would.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      Senator Chambers would move to amend. (See AM3484 found on page 970 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, that was, yes, it was printed on page 970 of the Journal. Members of the Legislature, what this amendment amounts to is a rewrite of Senator Matzke's bill, and I will tell you why this is necessary, in my opinion. When the bill was on General File, I did not offer any amendments, did not specify, as this rewrite does, the problems that I saw with the bill, but Senator Matzke had recognized some difficulties with the bill, and we were going to work our way through them and see what we could arrive at. We arrived at different conclusions, but we did talk to each other, we worked on it, and what I think happened to Senator Matzke is one of those situations, which is exemplified by the old saw, "too many cooks spoil the broth." I am in favor of legislation that would criminalize hazing. I am in favor, in general, of the approach that Senator Matzke's bill took. However, when we are writing a criminal statute, we have to be specific and precise. We have