

February 13, 1995 LB 121, 136, 274, 505, 562, 700, 701, 828
829, 830
LR 53

General File, LB 505 General File, LB 562 General File, LB 700 and LB 701 to General File, those signed by Senator Wickersham. Senator Warner has amendments to be printed to LB 136 and... (All above items appear on pages 717-20 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: General File, LB 121.

CLERK: Mr. President, just...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, I'm sorry, I thought that pause was you were waiting for me to introduce the next bill.

CLERK: It's my mistake, Mr. President. Senator Elmer amendments to LB 274. New resolution by Senator Crosby. (Read description of LR 53 as found on page 720 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over. Priority bill designations. LB 828, LB 829, LB 830 by the Speaker as Speaker priority bills. (See pages 720-21 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 121, a bill introduced originally by Senator Preister. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6, referred to the Health Committee. The bill was advanced to General File with committee amendments. The bill was discussed on February 10. At that time, Mr. President, committee amendments were offered. When the Legislature adjourned that day Senator Schimek had an amendment pending to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek, your amendment was pending. Could you refresh our memory on your amendment, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I know that this was printed in the Journal and I'm not sure if we have a page number for that, Mr. Clerk? But essentially what the...the purpose of the amendment was to allow for one separately ventilated room designated as a smoking area in the State Capitol and the language is permissive and it says in addition that the area shall not be a restroom or a cafeteria. And my reasoning behind introducing this amendment was one that this is a public building. The public are both smokers and nonsmokers and I think that there ought to be a place for smokers to go. I do strongly believe that people who do not smoke should not have to endure secondhand smoke when they're at work or in a public building, but I think that we could provide a separate entity for those smokers. Also we have