

April 27, 1979

LB 380

Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator Schmit, do you wish to close on the committee amendments to LB 380?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just want to say in closing, I apologize that I was not here earlier to explain the committee amendments, but that the committee amendments reflect Senator Reutzel's concern for, first, conservation of natural resources, secondly, for better utilization of inmate labor and, third, for the opportunity to turn a waste product that is a costly product into a product which will be profitable. Now as we know with many of our projects in this Legislature, we cannot guarantee nor can Senator Reutzel guarantee nor has he ever tried to guarantee that there is going to be a profit in this operation. But it is obvious from the tons of paper that is generated within this body and within state government that if there is ever any opportunity to conserve a natural resource and to instigate a program of resource recovery that the paper recycling program has got to be the place to start. I want to commend Senator Reutzel for plowing some new ground here and for taking up a project which may appear on the surface to be somewhat minor but nonetheless which I am sure will in future years be adopted by many other agencies of government and hopefully by the entire federal government. I can't think of any better way they can save resources than to institute a program such as Senator Reutzel has asked for here and I move enthusiastically for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 380. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? While you are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 380, in the South balcony from Senator Hefner's District, 20 fourth graders, one teacher, nine mothers from Plainview Elementary School. Verna Crisp is the teacher. Are you folks still up there? Raise your hands if you are there. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as I have