

March 25, 1980

LB 605

with Final Reading. There is amendments on the desk. The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 605, Senator DeCamp moves to return the bill for a specific amendment. Senator, before you had one printed and I understand you are going to withdraw that one for the other one.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes, use the corrected one. Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I won't take a lot of time. Either the votes are here or they are not here. It is that simple. The other day when the proposal of Senator Haberman came up I raised the question. I said I support the amended version. I supported his gutting the bill to put this version in. Senator Johnson raised the question, would this affect labor unions and their rights to picket, the various specific statutes we have on this. I said, no, I don't believe so but if there is any doubt, if there is any confusion I would be the first to either oppose the bill, number one, or, number two, put in a corrective amendment to very clearly specify that labor unions as such had these picketing rights as spelled out in the law. That is all the amendment does. It very clearly states, in fact, Pat, why don't you read it real quick.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment would read as follows: (Read DeCamp amendment as found on page 1487 of the Journal.)

SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay, Senator Kennedy raised a question, what about farm groups? My amendment does not include them. The original amendment I had in the Journal was too broad, I felt. It used some words such as concerted action or some doggone thing, groups, yes, that is it. All mine deals with is labor unions. Now whether farm groups need any legislation added or any corrections or clarifications, that is a separate question. All I am dealing with is specifically what I agreed to, what I think is legitimate and reasonable, is that I am saying, legitimate organized labor unions as defined in the law would have their picketing rights under the law, they have to follow them, but they would have them and this bill would not destroy those. I urge you to support the amendment. I think it improves the bill rather than hurts the bill. That is all.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, then Senator Murphy and then Senator Beutler.