

April 8, 1981

LR 357

don't want anybody to be fooled, tricked, deceived, confused, and we will attempt that after the committee amendments issue is resolved. So I urge rejection of the committee amendments since they have to be voted on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, I certainly would want you to accept the committee amendments. This is nothing but a subterfuge is all this is. This bill would never have gotten out of our committee had it been the original energy bill. So Senator DeCamp changed it to make it a bill for uranium mining so we voted it out. Now he wants to change it back to the original bill, not exactly, of course. It is an old trick that he pulls all of the time. All you have to do is accept the committee amendments and we have got the uranium bill. If you don't like it, kill it, but, for goodness sake, don't let this ruse be perpetrated upon the entire Legislature. This is a terrible thing to happen.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I can't speak for other members of the committee but I can say as I understood the original bill was stripped. It was turned into a bill to provide for some control of uranium mining. Now if Senator DeCamp intended to have a rebirth of the original bill, he may have but that was not my understanding and I really can't say at this point in time whether he spoke that way to other people or not but I would suggest that certainly I would not have voted to advance the bill if I had known that at this point in time we would be asked to reject the committee amendments. So regardless of what you want to do, I know there is some deep concern about the original content of the bill. There is some meritorious parts in that bill but I would not have voted to advance the bill under those conditions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to urge rejection of the committee amendments and return to the basic bill and simply because of this, I think the reason that the change was made in the committee amendments in the first place was the crisis situation that we thought we were under concerning uranium mining in the northwest area of Nebraska. We were concerned. We wanted to do something so we gave up the energy portion of the bill to try and deal with that specific problem. Senator Cullar then introduced his bill. The bill was heard by the Public