

January 20, 1989

LB 189, 207

SENATOR LAMB: No other speakers, Senator Johnson, do you care to close? Waive closing. Motion is the advancement of LB 207. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote nay.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 207.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 207 is advanced to E & R. LB 189.

CLERK: (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have no committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, the Rules Committee discussed this and a number of other proposed recommendations. This would simply provide that the body would elect the Chairman of the Retirement Committee rather than at the present time the chairman and the members of the committee being chosen by the Executive Board. The members of the committee would also be chosen by the Committee on Committees as other committee memberships are. I should point out to you that it also provides that under this new proposal the ex officio membership to the committee by the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee would be eliminated. In 1959, some background on the committee, the committee was first originated. At that time the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Committees and three members were appointed by the Executive Board to serve on the Retirement Committee. I'm not quite sure, someone around here might remember, but before that time it apparently was not important that some kind of an oversight committee existed and that is generally what was accomplished. However, today it is different. The committee does, in fact, introduce and consider legislation as well. We simply recommend this. We think it is a good idea and ask for your support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk.