

March 20, 1989

LB 154, 183, 254, 421, 592  
LR 61

LB 154 correctly engrossed, LB 183, LB 254, LB 421, all correctly engrossed. (See pages 1228-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolution, LR 61 by Senator Schmit asking the Legislature to congratulate the Wahoo boys basketball team for winning the Class B State Basketball Championship. (See page 1229 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 592 until April 25 of this year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I have two reasons for doing this, one is that I am serious about the motion; the other is to maybe make it possible that some will have the opportunity to speak who otherwise might be knocked down by a call of the question. Very few issues on this floor relate directly to me and mine in the way that this does that will cause me to speak as I am doing today on the floor of this Legislature. Never have I seen any concern for doing a program that would uplift those in my community, never have I seen the fervor for that as I see for these kinds of things of increasing the punishments, putting people in jail and so forth. When the North Freeway was running through my community and I stood up here and tried to explain the damage that would be done and, in fact, it has been done, the increased number of vacant lots, the inability of people to afford housing who used to have housing have all come to fruition, got nowhere. There are people from all over the state, none of whom are in my district and my district won't even run the risk of being affected by it, who are concerned about a low-level nuclear waste facility and they write me letters and call me on the phone and cry to me in person about how it might damage their community and be harmful to them. And I tell them there were probably over 40 other senators over there who care not a pop of the finger for my community. The pollution from the cars driving right through what they call a low-rent housing project, right through the middle of an OHA housing development where many, many small children live, this Legislature did not care, did not care, and does not care now. I told you that I had talked to Mayor Calinger about putting together a program where we don't just talk about jobs, but there are some realistic opportunities made available to these young people. He never got back to me. Some of the things he