

April 19, 1989

LB 78, 120

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the E & R amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the E & R amendments be adopted? Those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Carried. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I want to offer to this body an amendment that basically I...Senator Warner is not on the floor at this time, but there was a bill heard by the Agriculture Committee, LB 120, which I sponsored on behalf of the Public Service Commission which deals with grain warehouses, grain warehouses that are licensed, state licensed by the PSC. I am attempting, through this amendment, to basically put the provisions of LB 120 into LB 78. They...both bills deal with the Public Service Commission's regulatory powers. LB 78 deals with transportation. This bill or this amendment that I am offering, LB 120, deals, as I said earlier, grain warehousing regulations. I suppose the cleanest way to deal with this is to ask the body to suspend the rules, or suspend rules to allow me to consider this motion because of the tight germaneness rules that the Speaker has held up to this particular point. If it would be in order, then I would just ask the body to suspend the rules to allow me to offer this amendment, if that would be in order, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You are asking to suspend the germaneness rule, that is the motion that you are offering?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. That is debatable. Any discussion? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, maybe I should briefly tell the body what the bill is or what it does. As I said, it is largely regulatory changes that the Public Service Commission would like to see done as it relates to grain warehouses. Principally, it would allow the Public Service Commission to allow grain companies to use U.S. bonds or treasury notes or other public debt obligations of the United States as security