

April 24, 1989

LB 361, 361A
LR 2

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1860-61 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 4 nays, 3 present and not voting, 7 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LR 2 passes. May I introduce some special guests we have this morning. They are here under the mayor's committee for international friendship and with the domestic influences on U.S. foreign policy. They are with an African regional project, and I'd like to introduce them. They are under the north balcony. If you gentlemen would please stand, from Kenya we have Jerusha Wanjiku Maghugia, and from Malawi we have Andrew John Kangulu; and we have from Nigeria, Alphonsus George Alang; and from South Africa, Charles Andrew Wessels; and from Tunisia, Sihem Chaouch. I don't know how I'm doing on these names, gentlemen, but we appreciate your being with us and would you please welcome our visitors here today. Okay. May I also introduce some guests of Senator Pirsch in the north balcony. We have 45 members of the Benson Women's Republican Club of Benson with their president. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. I'm also reminded that two of the people from Africa are ladies, so I apologize for calling you all gentlemen. Move on to number 7, the motion please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to suspend Rule 8, Section 5 so as to permit consideration of LB 361 and LB 361A on Final Reading today.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, normally under our rules a bill that has an A bill, like 361, is held until we've had a chance to examine the budget issues. And for that reason, 361 had rested here on Final Reading but had not been summoned. I realized just last week that the May 1 deadline in the bill was approaching and the May 1 deadline is the date for the Revenue Department to put into the hands of county boards adjustments factors to allow ag land to be valued at market rates. Now the Department of Revenue has been working on the body of knowledge and examination of sales necessary to do their work and they are done. They can meet this deadline, if we authorize it. And so it is possible, by suspending the rules and taking up the bill with the A bill now, that we can meet the May 1 deadline. It is important because counties are just about to begin that cycle of budgeting and planning for the coming year. And, if we move this too far back, counties won't