

May 10, 1989

LB 303. 544

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT: The confirmation report is adopted. Move on to LB 303.

CLERK: Mr. President, 303 is on Select File. First order of business on the bill, I have no E & R, Mr. President. I do have amendments, however. Senator Baack would move to amend the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and colleagues, my amendment is printed on page 2060 of the Journal, and what this amendment is is that it will take the provisions of LB 544 which was a bill introduced by the Government Committee and then heard by the Banking Committee, and the bill was then reported out by the Banking Committee unanimously. There was a committee amendment striking some of the language that was originally contained in 544. My amendment also does not contain that language so we concur totally with the Banking Committee's action on this bill. What it does is it transfers the responsibility for the governance of the health insurance program for the state employees. It transfers that authority from the risk manager to the Department of Personnel, and that is all that the amendment does. And I don't think it should be controversial. It is something that is being done now, but they just need the authority to continue to do that. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Baack, are you...you're amending LB 544 into this bill?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, that's correct, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I'm trying to remember. I don't see Senator Landis here, but if I'm not mistaken...I know...the concern I had, if...I'm sorry, I didn't recall this amendment coming up and you do include the committee amendments?

SENATOR BAACK: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...Yes,