

May 11, 1989

LB 639

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Back to a discussion of the bill itself. I have a few lights on yet. Senator Moore, would you care to discuss the bill? Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit, anything further? Thank you. Senator Byars, it won't be necessary. Thank you, yours was the last light. Senator Baack, do you have anything further on the advancement?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, just a short closing. Some of the confusion with Senator Johnson's amendment was not that I have anything against the bill, itself, because I think that it does make...start to making some moves in the right direction. It just might have caused some problems with this bill as far as constitutionality because of having a couple of subjects in it. I think what he is dealing with in that bill is something that we are going to definitely have to deal with in the next few years, so I think we will see that issue back up in front of us and we will have to go ahead and deal with it. I think that there hasn't been a whole lot of discussion on the bill, itself. I think it is pretty straightforward. It just gives the Department of Economic Development a little bit of flexibility in the way that they run their operation over there. We are going to be watching them very closely as they get this flexibility. We are going to try and make sure that they do the kinds of things that we want them to do with their field offices, the new field office they add, and the field offices they already have, and within the department, itself. I think that rural economic development is something that is extremely important to this state right now and it is going to take some very good understanding of some people that work in that department. I hope we have some people in that department that are very understanding of how small towns work and what they need for rural economic development out in the small towns. With that, I would simply urge the body to advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 639 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 639.