

May 15, 1989

LB 175

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion is adopted. The bill is returned. Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I would just move that the amendment be added at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator McFarland to 175 vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment as offered by Senator McFarland.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion is adopted. Senator McFarland, would you care to readvance.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I would move to readvance, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Those in favor of readvancing the bill say aye. Opposed no. Carried, the bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (The Hall amendment is on page 2324 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The amendment that I would like to adopt into Senator McFarland's LB 175 is one that I passed out to you this morning, and I apologize, I did not have time to have it printed. Prior to offering this amendment I'm going to ask for a rule suspension, because although it deals with an increase in salaries, and Senator McFarland's bill deals with an increase in per diem, it is the only bill that I could find that allows us to do this. What it does is it increases the Metro Area Transit's board of director's salaries from \$200 a month to the same level as OPPD or MUD, and that is \$500 a month for board members, and \$600 a month for the chairman. They have not had an increase, or they've been at \$200 since 1972. The board of directors is a five-member board, one of the five serves as the chairman at their election. They have a budget that is in the neighborhood of \$20 million that they oversee. They are appointed by the mayor. Many of these members have served more than one term. But the increase is one in their salary that they must come to