

May 15, 1989

LB 653A, 761

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall LB 653A be advanced? All in favor vote aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, the bill is advanced. The next bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is LB 761. I have E & R amendments first of all, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 761.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the E & R amendments be adopted to 761? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

CLERK: Your amendment is on page 1761, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I know this is a good and just amendment, but I just want to get the exact language so that I can bring you up to date on what it is that we want to do to correct an intolerable situation of some kind. Yes, members of the Legislature, if you will look on page 1761 or if you choose not to, I will tell you what this amendment does. This amendment deals with the makeup of the monitoring committee and this amendment had been offered on General File and came very close to being adopted. As with some others in this area, had everybody been here who was sympathetic to this, I believe it would have been added to the bill. What this amendment would do is allow one of the representatives of the municipalities to be a nonresident of the state. The rationale is quite simple and before I take all of my time to elaborate I will see what opposition may develop. But the rationale is based on the idea that a representative takes the place of and speaks for another. Many times the only thing that other may know enough to do is to select a representative. We're dealing with this nuclear waste facility, we're dealing with very technical scientific matters, the kind that would not ordinarily be understood and certainly not mastered by a person in a city, let alone a small rural community where there would be no anticipation that such knowledge would be necessary.