

May 22, 1989

LB 228, 352, 639

PRESIDENT: LB 228 passes. LB 352 with the emergency clause attached.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 352 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 352 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 2668-69 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 352 passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 639, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Wesely would move to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, my intent is to just take a couple of minutes here and go through some personal feelings and then give whatever time remains to Senator Baack and then withdraw this motion. You know, we discussed LB 639 earlier a couple of times. I only talked about it on Select File and I expressed in rather heated terms my dissatisfaction with the Department of Economic Development. People, obviously, have strong feelings about that and they shared them in addition to myself. But I think it's kind of important to talk about the Legislature, the institution and the branches of government and kind of how we see things, just for a couple of seconds. You know, the really hot button that gets me going, whether it be talking about the Department of Economic Development or talking about the tax issue we did just a little bit ago, is the concept of making promises and then keeping promises. And in this particular bill let me relate my concerns. We moved the Telecommunications Division over to the Department of Economic Development, not under their wishes but at the wish of myself trying to bring a greater coordination to economic development programs. And I did it being warned that if I did that, that Telecommunications would die on the vine but I was assured it wouldn't. And so I made a promise that I would