

January 30, 1991 LB 94, 135

CLERK: Senator, LB 94, I have no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Madam President, I move that LB 94 be advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Seeing no one wishing to debate the motion, all those in favor of advancing LB 94 please say aye. Opposed nay. The motion carries and LB 94 is advanced. Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Okay, we will proceed to item number 7, General File. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 135, introduced by Senators Lindsay and Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, at that time referred to Judiciary Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Madam President and members of the body, LB 135 is a bill which is identical to LB 1144 from last session. LB 1144 was advanced from committee last year and died on General File at the end of the session when we ran out of time. The bill is the Computer Crimes Act and I will give you a rough indication of what it does. It basically makes three...or it has three areas that it involves. Number one, it updates some of the terminology in the computer crimes area. As you know, well, the Computer Crimes Act was first passed in 1985. Since then we know there's been an enormous amount of technology which has come about which has necessitated updating some of the terminology that's used in the computer crimes area. The second, it creates two additional offenses of computer crime. The first one is unauthorized access to a computer or attempted unauthorized access to a computer. An example of this would be if you're sitting at home with your computer modem and you start punching the numbers and you happen to know the number of a major bank and somehow are able to break their password, or whatever, and if you access that bank's data files, you would then have access to people's bank accounts, how much money they have in there, what their liabilities might be and can have a...just the mere access without destroying data, in and of