

that are interested in taking a look at this as a different method of preserving their records from microfilm and microfiche. They're a little queasy about using it because they aren't sure whether it is, in fact, approved or whether it isn't. What this bill simply does is it adds optical imagery as one of the statutorily recognized methodologies of maintaining government records. I believe, in my closing on the amendment, I commented on what optical imagery is. It's simply analogous to the CD method of preserving music. It is a laser beamed image implanted on Plexiglas and then covered with a hard metallic substance so it cannot be...cannot be destroyed as easily as paper or as easily as microfilm and microfiche. If you have any questions about this, I will attempt to answer them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there anyone who wishes to speak on LB 25? Seeing none, do you have a closing statement?

SENATOR WITHEM: I would waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We will proceed to vote on advancement of LB 25. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 25.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved and LB 25 is advanced to E & R. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 209, Madam President, was introduced by Senators Withem, Conway and Warner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, at that time referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, again, I have an amendment from yourself. Do you prefer to offer that or defer for a moment?

SENATOR WITHEM: Oh, why don't I...let me talk just a little bit about the bill, explain what the bill is all about and then we'll be recognized for the amendment if we could. Would appreciate it if we could do that. We're passing out some information at this point on what the Midwest Compact on Higher Education is. It is an agreement being promoted by the Council