

February 14, 1991 LB 114

CLERK: Madam President, 114 was a bill introduced by Senators Schimek, Baack, Conway, Schmit, and Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing, was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Government Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members, the committee amendments to this legislation, and I'll touch on them very briefly because I think the introducer of the bill in describing the bill ought to describe the bill per se. The committee amendment does three small minor changes and the amendments were brought to us by the introducers after they had it printed, decided that some wording and some language needed to be changed. In one situation they changed the term American Indian to members of a federally recognized Indian tribe to better describe the situation. A second minor change was it eliminates Northern from the Ponca Tribe and identifies it simply as the Ponca rather than the Northern Ponca Tribe. And then thirdly, in the bill prior identifying who was choosing the members who would sit on this commission from the tribes, since the Ponca Tribe was not recognized originally, there was discussion to have five tribal members appoint the members to the commission and we have since changed that now that since they have a tribal council to let their tribal council do it which conforms with the way that the Omaha and the Santee and the Winnebago and the other tribes are doing it. So it's just to fine tune it to make it more function similar for this new recognized tribe as it does for the other tribes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak on the committee amendments. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, I think that Senator Conway did a very good job of explaining these amendments and I would just simply move the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We'll now proceed to vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.