

they are guests today of Senator Conway. Welcome to the Chambers. Proceed with General File, LB 85.

CLERK: LB 85 was a bill introduced by Senators Schimek, Morrissey, Crosby, Withem and Horgan. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Revenue, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members, LB 85 was introduced by Senator Schimek to the Revenue Committee. It deals with inclusion of voter registration cards and income tax return booklets that we receive annually, courtesy of the Revenue Department. The bill, as it was introduced, had those registration cards introduced or included in that revenue booklet every year. It also had then the emergency clause in it so that that could take place beginning with the booklets that were in the processing of being printed for that 1992 year. And there was a provision in the bill that also said that any registration cards that were returned to the Department of Revenue would not have to be basically passed on. So, in other words, if they made a mistake of not sending them to the appropriate individual, county election official, they would just basically be thrown away at the Department of Revenue. The committee amendments deal with those three issues. What we did was in the committee amendments strike the provision that said the voter registration card would appear every year. They would only appear, under the committee amendments, in odd number years. That change allowed us to then do away with the emergency clause because there would be time to gear up, put these voter registration cards in the booklets for the 1993 income tax year. Those were the first two changes so we struck it and made it odd number years. We struck the emergency clause as a second change and then the third change dealt with the issue of what happens to that voter who thinks they're going to be registered because they filled everything out but they mistakenly sent it along with their income tax and it ends up at the Revenue Department as opposed to the appropriate county election official. So what we did was we discussed it at the hearing. The Revenue Department felt that it would not be difficult at all for them to pass those on to the Secretary of State who could then, through the normal course of transacting business with the local election officials, just send them out