

March 11, 1991      LB 232, 433A

SPEAKER BAACK:      LB 433A advances.      We will now proceed to LB 232 introduced by Senator Withem.

CLERK:      Mr. President, 232, introduced by Senators Withem, Kristensen and Warner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments by the Government Committee pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK:      Senator Conway, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CONWAY:      Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, the amendment simply exempts employees of political subdivisions from the definition of principal and lobbyists so long as they're not compensated for their efforts and are only reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses. So, in essence, we were concerned about the fact that when people are not...who are simply in employee status they not be deemed to be in a lobbying capacity.

SPEAKER BAACK:      Is there discussion of the amendment? Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the amendments.

CLERK:      Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK:      Senator Withem, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM:      Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, what this amendment does is simply adds the emergency clause. There are a number of provisions in here that primarily impact upon the way the Accountability Commission does its business and adding the emergency clause would allow those items to go into effect that much earlier. Included in here are items such as the changing the appeals process, that should save some money; the manner in which the amendment that Senator Conway just mentioned that will affect mayors and county board members, school superintendents, etcetera, will impact upon them for the rest of the legislative session if this were to pass. Provision regarding reappointment of members of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission, if they have not completed a full six-year term, all of those things that would expedite the work of the commission if they were put into effect immediately upon