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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 579 was a bill introduced by Senators Withem and Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to Government, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending. (See AM0309 on page 806 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway for the Government Committee amendments.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendments to LB 579 were adopted at the suggestion of the introducer. They make several minor changes on points raised at the hearing. The word "affirmation" is restored for those who won't swear. We got into the question over the swearing associated with the voter registration forms, and that does not lend itself properly to people of various religions to swear. So the term "affirmation" was used rather than swearing, which was used in the original form of the bill. The forms, themselves, are to be designed by the Secretary of State, rather than prescribed into law. The bill as originally written had the forms identified in law specifically, and then there are some other minor changes, none of which changed the intent of the bill, and that was to come up with a standardization for voter registration forms.

SPEAKER BAACK: Are there questions on the committee amendment? Seeing none, Senator Conway, did you wish to close on the amendments. He waives closing. We will now vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. That would lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek, do you wish to lay the bill over?