

March 26, 1992

LB 353, 728

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 728.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 728 is advanced. I will raise the call. LB 353.

CLERK: LB 353, Madam President, is a bill introduced by Senator Beyer. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16 of last year. At that time, it was referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Government Committee amendments pending. (See AM0501 on page 1448 of the Legislative Journal, First Session.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The Government Committee heard LB 353 last year. There was considerable testimony on the part of the individuals who came forth, and after an executive session, the committee voted the bill out on a 5 to 0 basis, but the committee did feel that a couple of changes were needed to the bill, and these changes, in essence, were also introduced or brought to us by the introducer as he worked through the factions that were concerned with the legislation from the beginning. What they would do is they would exempt certain consumer reporting groups to make it clear that they did not fall underneath the licensing requirements. They are already covered under any federal laws, and also would exempt police officers, whether they were on or off duty, and also allows a volunteer testing program so that our licensees have reciprocity with other states who have similar licensing requirements. So that's the committee amendments that I offer to you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Madam President, and colleagues, I support the committee amendments. They have all been worked out and hopefully we can adopt them and then go onto the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beyer. Does anyone else wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Conway. Do you have closing on committee amendments? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 353. All those in favor please vote