

April 13, 1995

LB 514, 572

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Seeing no other lights, Senator Chambers, to close. Closing is waived. The question is advancement to E & R Initial of LB 572. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: LB 572 is advanced. LB 514, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 514 was introduced by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 17 of this year, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Robinson, to open on the Government Committee amendments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, basically LB 514 will allow a registered voter to have his or her address and telephone kept confidential. Senator Schimek will explain the bill, but the committee amendments make two changes to the bill. First, a requirement is added that those records that are declared to be confidential under the bill shall be kept in a separate file from other registered voter information. Secondly, the committee slightly changed the language concerning liability, state that a county election commissioner or county clerk will be liable for disclosure of the confidential information if there is showing of gross negligence or willfulness. We did that to make the language more clear. It does not change the standard of liability. Like that and one other piece of information, the State of California has this, you know how large California is, and I think in the committee it was stated that they had 500 people that took advantage of this so you can put it in perspective. It wouldn't be a big drain on the election commissioners in the state and I'd urge the passage of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 514. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.