

March 28, 1996

LB 463, 649

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen to close. Closing is waived. Question is, shall LB 463 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 463.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 463 advances. LB 649.

CLERK: LB 649 by Senator Cudaback. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of last year, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members, this bill, 649, is the County Referendum Initiative Act (sic--County Initiative and Referendum Act). I think it's a good bill. I think it's time that something like this here should happen and I think it could happen. I realize this bill is probably a little more controversial than I had thought. In committee, we discussed it at length. It has some good merits. I think the people in the county should have the same opportunity as the people in the city and so on and I think most people here probably also believe that. I've had some discussions with several senators. Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely had some good ideas on it incorporating some ideas on recall and so on. Senator DiAnna Schimek, she had some ideas. I guess the 15 minutes that we have here probably wouldn't do justice to the bill. If I thought I could have the luck of Danny Nee I might pursue it here, but I doubt if I'd have that same...be blessed as Danny and so, with that, I do thank the senators for not pulling it. They could have pulled it with three people and they give me the courtesy to stand up here and pull it myself, so I really appreciate their courtesy in doing that with me. So now, if I may have that opportunity, I will pass over it and bring it back next year.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You are...are you requesting that the bill be passed over?

SENATOR CUDABACK: If you permit me to.