

April 9, 1996

LB 1263

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I'd move to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 1263.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question before you is the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1263. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. The amendment is AM3816 found in the Journal on page 1273.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment actually will strike what the committee did previously on page 2 and it would strike the 24 hours which was added and would reinsert the 5 days. The difficulty with this particular amendment is because of the time, unfortunately. It probably would make so the bill would not advance for various reasons. Personally, I'd rather pursue the amendment because by changing it to 24 hours I think it puts too much leeway as far as shenanigans that will take place on the election process. I will, for the most part, I'm going to withdraw the amendment and the rationale for withdrawing the amendment at this particular point is that I'd rather have the bill in its form with the new penalties and clauses in there that we don't have now rather than no bill at all and, if need be, will come back next year and try to see if we can...Senator Brashear, maybe you and I together will be able to make some sense to the body. Continue with the original purpose of what your green copy was and that would be the five days and, with that, I withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Withem would move to amend.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem to open on his amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I think the first one is to be withdrawn and then I have a second one. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?