

January 11, 1989

LB 1-6, 8-17, 33, 34, 330-340

PRESIDENT: LB 33 advances. LB 34, please.

CLERK: LB 34, Mr. President, offered by Senator Labedz as Chair of the Board. (Read title.) Introduced on January 5, referred directly to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President, LB 34, the final revisor's bill, makes numerous internal changes relating to the Game and Parks Commission. I ask that this bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the explanation. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Ladies and gentlemen, I need a little help, please. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 34.

PRESIDENT: LB 34 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, do you want to read in a few more bills?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, thank you. Mr. President, before I proceed to do that, two announcements, the Education Committee has selected Senator Dierks as Vice-Chair and General Affairs Committee has selected Senator Hartnett as Vice-Chair. Signed by Senator Withem and Smith respectively.

(Read by title for the first time LBs 330-340. See pages 179-81 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, other items for the record. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 1 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 2, Select File; LB 3, Select File; LB 4, Select File; LB 5, Select File; LB 6, Select File; LB 8, Select File; LB 9, Select File; LB 10, Select File with E & R amendments attached; LB 11, Select File; LB 12, Select File; LB 13, Select File; LB 14, Select File; LB 15, Select File with E & R amendments attached; LB 16, Select File; and LB 17, Select File. (See pages 181-83 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

February 13, 1989

LB 43, 80, 82, 106, 113, 158A, 166  
171, 172, 194, 197, 200, 260, 263  
296, 321, 322, 332, 340, 353, 433  
481, 717, 729, 731, 772, 773, 804  
LR 15

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall LB 263 be advanced? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, carried, the bill is advanced. For the record, Mr. Clerk, on the President's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Revenue, whose Chair is Senator Hall, to whom was referred LB 260, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with amendments; LB 332, General File with amendments; LB 729, General File with amendments; LB 197, indefinitely postponed; LB 433, indefinitely postponed; LB 481, indefinitely postponed; LB 717, indefinitely postponed; LB 731, indefinitely postponed; LB 804, indefinitely postponed; and LR 15CA, indefinitely postponed. Those signed by Senator Hall as Chair. (See pages 724-26 of the Legislative Journal.)

Urban Affairs Committee, whose Chair is Senator Hartnett, reports LB 772 and LB 773 as indefinitely postponed, both signed by Senator Hartnett. Your Enrolling Clerk did present to the Governor, as of ten forty-five, bills read on Final Reading, Mr. President. (Re. LB 43, LB 80, LB 82, LB 106, LB 113, LB 166, LB 171, LB 172, LB 194, LB 200, LB 296, LB 321, LB 322, and LB 353.)

Senator Warner has amendments to be printed to LB 340; and Senator Labedz to LB 158A. Mr. President, that's all that I have. (See pages 727-28 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Robak, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until tomorrow at nine o'clock.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, we are adjourned.

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February 16, 1989      LB 183, 187, 187A, 214, 214A, 332, 421  
433, 516, 556  
LR 30

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to this, the one-third mark, the 30th day in the life of the first session of the ninety-first Legislature. Our Chaplain this morning, Harland Johnson. Please rise for the opening prayer.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Harland. Roll call.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any announcements, reports, or messages?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 187 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 187A, LB 556, LB 421, LB 516, LB 214 and LB 214A, all on Select File, some having E & R amendments attached. (See pages 765-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LR 30 is ready for your signature.

I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Lamb regarding LB 183. (See pages 766-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have amendments to be printed by Senator Haberman to LB 187; Senator Kristensen to LB 332 and, Mr. President, a motion from Senator Wesely to place LB 433 on General File notwithstanding the committee action. That will be laid over. And that is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 768-69 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 30. (See page 769 of the Legislative Journal.)

Members will please return to their seats in anticipation of Final Reading. As a matter of interest, LB 198 will not be read

Senator Hall's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill. Senator, this is AM1765 that you had printed separately.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would ask to just roll over that amendment at this time. I think there is...Senator Kristensen has a following amendment, is that correct?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you Mr. Speaker and members. This bill is going to give us an opportunity to do something that we desperately are going to need in the advent of passing Senator Landis's LB 361 and down the line LR 2CA in dealing with values of real estate. The amendment that I have got printed in the Journal, on page 2264, is really LB 332 which we had a public hearing on and came out of committee with no objections. I was looking for the most appropriate bill that I believe this would work under and this is the one dealing with valuations and appeals. What this amendment does is it does four things. One of them is it is going to allow people when they appeal from the Board of Equalization, and since we are going to be tinkering with valuations on not only ag land but a variety of other valuations in real property, we are going to have perhaps some more appeals and we are going to need to have some ways to deal with those appeals. What this amendment will do is give us some extra added procedures and a method for counties to deal with those appeals. And, if I can, I would like to take you through step by step what this amendment does. The first thing it does is it allows for the taxpayer to have a transcript of the Board of Equalization, and so we can kind of put into perspective what we are doing. A taxpayer, let's say he doesn't like the value and disagrees with the value of his property that the county has placed through the assessor's office. He has a specific period of time in which he can go back to the assessor. If he doesn't get any satisfaction there, he is allowed a hearing before the Board of Equalization and in most of your counties that's the County Board of Supervisors. If he does not receive, to his satisfaction, and he thinks that there has been an error or he

the Kristensen amendment, the Chair is pleased to note that Senator Schmit has guests in the north balcony. We have Marilyn Young and 19 fifth graders from Mead Elementary. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we appreciate the fact that you were able to visit us this afternoon. Senator Rod Johnson, discussion on the amendment, followed by Senators Hall and Schmit.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I stand to lend my support to Senator Kristensen in offering this amendment, whether it be a question of germaneness or not, I don't know if that has been addressed, but there is no question with the passage that this body made with LB 361 that complaints are going to be filed and with the increases in valuations across the state with ag land valuations we are going to see a number of complaints filed, and I think this will help expedite the process and I am pleased that Senator Kristensen has decided to offer this at this time because I think it's going to be necessary until we are able to get to the point of discussing the constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot in November of 1990. In the meantime, LB 361 will be in place and we will be making appropriate adjustments to the state ag land valuations. I think this is a necessary tool that the state is going to have to have in order to address those complaints. So, as I said, I, personally, lend my support to Senator Kristensen's efforts to address what I consider to be a very serious problem. I would be happy to relinquish my time to Senator Landis, if he would like the remainder of my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I serve on the Revenue Committee where we heard this bill. I voted for it in committee. I think it is a wise piece of legislation. We should allow for negotiated settlements and to allow for this kind of expedited approach. I intend to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Kristensen's amendment. Doug brought the bill to the Revenue Committee in the form of LB 332, it is a piece of legislation that does allow for the counties to basically say, we are guilty or we made a mistake and to