

May 9, 1989

LB 311, 812
LR 127, 173, 174-189

wasn't a voice vote on this, but since they seem to be heading for the doors, it looks to me like I am going to have to ask for a call of the house, unfortunately.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, call in votes would be satisfactory for me, and I believe there was a request for a record vote at the same time as those.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I am sorry. I did not hear the request for the record vote. Senator Scofield, I am sorry. Call in votes have been authorized on the advancement of the bill.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens voting yes. Senator Labeledz voting yes. Senator Withem voting yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 2206-07 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of 311.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk? The bill does advance. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor bills read on Final Reading this morning. (Re: LB 812.) Senator Conway would like to add...I am sorry, Senator Nelson would like to add her name to LR 127.

Mr. President, study resolutions, LR 173 by Senator Wehrbein; LR 174 by Senator Lamb and Baack; LR 175 by Senator Morrissey; LR 176 by Senator Chizek; LR 177 by Senator Hall; LR 178 and LR 179 by Senator Hall; Senator Moore offers LR 180 along with Senator Nelson; LR 181 by Senator Nelson; LR 182 by Senator Nelson; LR 183 by Senator Withem; LR 184, Senator Withem; LR 185, LR 186 by Senator Withem; Senator Chambers offers LR 187, study resolution; Senator Wehrbein has LR 188; and LR 189 by Senators Moore, Withem, and Lamb, a study resolution.

would do now is just maybe sound a word of caution. Certainly, I believe in training our children in early childhood. I believe, in fact, and I have testimony, you might say, not testimony but certainly word from experts and we look to our doctors, family practitioners, psychiatrists, pediatricians, and psychologists, and I visited with all of those from those various medical professions and many of them believe that not only does a child have early education from the time its born because we believe in the bonding concept today, very much so. When my grandchild was born, my son was there and because it was a caesarean birth, he held his baby first to bond with that child, because childhood education has a great deal to do with bonding. Every good teacher knows that, that you need to bond with your children. I believe that that unborn child in the womb of the mother knows her voice, because early babies, small babies turn to their mother's voice and seem to know that voice and I think...and those of us who have had the opportunity to be mothers, and I have four children, notice that babies are most often fussy in the evening and this is because there is a lot of activity in the evening and those children have seemed to pick that up as early as time they have spent in the womb. And many experts today recommend that we read to our children as we carry them. So I just though I would throw that in that early childhood education has a valid place. But I just wanted to mention a word of caution here on the fact that even though this is a wonderful concept and I certainly want to see children educated, I received a letter, and maybe some of the rest of you have as well, from some of the educators and they are concerned about it and I guess I wanted to do this just to point it out for the record and for Senator Withem and for Senator Wesely, and so forth, and Senator Ashford, to look into this. They are very, very concerned about the responsibility of child care services and I received this from the Auburn Public School superintendent, as perhaps some of the rest of you did. They are concerned about the relationship of LB 567, LB 678, LB 183, LR 183 and public law 99-457, because they're just very concerned about the funding. And I don't really understand all the funding apparatus yet either, and that's why I'm bringing this forth so that in this public forum we might either discuss it now or on Select File, how does the funding work for these bills that seem to be...to have a strong relationship? And he just has one question. And with our dealing with LB 1059, which is so important, and is going to take a major focus, I think, soon now in our legislative body, his question is, how shall we explain and justify to our taxpayers that in the future they