

February 10, 1975

CLERK: 31 ayes, 3 nays, 17 not voting.

SPEAKER: The call is raised. The clerk will announce the vote on the original motion.

CLERK: (Mike not activated.)

SPEAKER: The bill is introduced. Now I would like to introduce in the South balcony from Kearney, and Senator Cope's district, 36 girl scouts from Troop #186. In Senator Cope's words, it says, beautiful girl scouts, and I think that is really nice and with them they have a leader, Mrs. Charles Perkins, whose husband is a very good friend of mine. We are glad to have you here today and with that commercial, I will recognize the Speaker, Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you've had placed on your desk this morning a tentative proposed daily agenda or daily calendar. You also had a cover letter with it. Attached please find the proposed format for the daily calendar. I would hope to start with this format tomorrow. I would appreciate any suggestion you might have concerning how the format could be improved and please come and visit with me at any time, either this morning, this afternoon or over in the office because I think it is extremely important to move along and to decide where we are that we can get our General File every day. Yesterday was an example that we did not get to General File and I would be hopeful that we could get to the General File today. You'll notice that there is a difference in the order of the Rules that you find on Page 41. First we start out with a Prayer, Roll Call, Corrections for the Journal, Notice of Committee Hearings and Reports, then Bills on Final Reading. Of course, this morning brings me up to a Rule change I suggested the other day because you will find on #7, Consideration of Bills on General File, and then we will have a time, leave General File at a designated time each day. This very likely would be a different time depending upon how much time is necessary to get to General File and how much time is necessary to complete the balance of our calendar. We did strike the discussion from the calendar, the discussion we had this morning like on LB 145. Had we had a calendar and it would have been predetermined that at 11 o'clock that we would leave General File for the conclusion of our other efforts. However, there'd been no way because we would have had to leave General File prior to about 10:45 a.m. because we did devote an hour and ten minutes this morning on our discussion of bringing back LB 145. Has this been just a motion, it could have been built into that calendar tomorrow. This is why I'm concerned that those other Rule changes did not carry. I am not attempting to make another Rule change at this time but I want to point out to you the impossibility of setting up a calendar unless these controls are recognized, that the motion had been made by Senator Kime this morning and then seconded and laid over and built into that calendar tomorrow. This is why my concern about bills on reconsideration and bills on Final Reading. I hope you will take this into consideration now and in the future and to see if we can build this calendar notwithstanding the absence of that particular rule but I would certainly welcome any ideas that you have on changing our calendar because this must be done in a cooperative manner and not by the dictates of the Speaker, alone. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion for informational purposes you'd like on this.

SENATOR BURBACH: I am not making this in the form of a motion.