

March 18, 1975

CLERK: There are two absent and two who are unaccounted for.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I move that the Call be raised.

PRESIDENT: The motion to raise the Call. Record your vote.

CLERK: Senator Syas changing from no to aye.

PRESIDENT: Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 9 nays on motion to raise the Call.

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised. Report the vote Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 15 nays, remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill failed to advance.

CLERK: Read title of LB 295.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, now here's a dandy bill. To quote from the committee statement, "the five day waiting period has caused problems for the county courts". To quote from the statement Mr. James Dunlevey, State Court Administrator, appeared and presented the bill and stated "it would reduce administrative delays, and eliminate many practical problems". Boy, I'm telling you it would make it easier for the administrators. This would do it.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. There's a point of order raised by Senator Luedtke. State your point.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Isn't it customary for the committee to present the bill before we start getting into the amendments?

PRESIDENT: Your point of order is sustained.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I appreciate Senator Kelly's fervor in his amendment, but I'd like to be able to explain the committee action first.

PRESIDENT: You are sustained.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I would move that LB 295 be advanced to E & R for initial. Now, Senator Kelly, if you would listen then you can answer. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 295 comes about as a result of a bill put on the books by the Judiciary Committee and this body a couple of years ago. It was a noble experiment to increase the waiting time for marriage licenses to five days. I believe that the sociological arguments for that bill were very strong. It just goes to show that sometimes, in practice, things just don't work out. It seems that people, in a state such as the State of Nebraska, in an attempt to apply for a marriage license would come in, whether they live out of state. One of the couples desiring to apply for a marriage license would come in . . . they would have to come in a whole week in advance to apply because there must be a personal application for this particular marriage