

April 9, 1975

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 316 introduced by the Executive Board and signed by the members thereof. Read title. There are Committee amendments by Senator Anderson's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I move that the amendments that were adopted by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee be approved. I have already made the motion, Mr. Speaker, that the amendments in Committee be adopted.

SPEAKER: The question is, shall the Committee amendments be adopted?

SENATOR MAHONEY: To explain, the Executive Board put this bill in when there was some question in the last...

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

SPEAKER: The amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, this bill is an outgrowth of the Executive Board having a particular problem in Administrative Rules Committee and the Committee which was brought together through out previous sessions which they called Rules and Regulations and the Legislative Rules Committee. We had two distinct groups that the membership was in question as to how these people are selected and appointed. There was at the very beginning of this session some members in certain areas of the state that felt that they did not have proper representation, which would be true of possibly the eastern part, that most of the members who were members on the Rules Committee, itself, were from the far west and, consequently, that there was appointments made by previous Executive Boards that there was a top-heavy balance of members from one area of the state and not from the other. So this particular bill was drafted and put together so that rather than the Executive Board making the appointments to the Administrative Rules and Regulations and to the Rules Committee, that they be appointed from the three Congressional Districts and that they be nominated for membership within from the Committee from the Congressional Districts and that they be by caucus for each Congressional District at that time. And so all this bill does now, then, would be to remove from the Executive Board the right to make the appointments to Administrative Rules and Regulations and the Legislative Rules Committee and that this, in effect, from this day forward would be done by the three Congressional Districts and so that when they had their caucus, the membership would be selected by the three Congressional Districts rather than the Executive Board making these appointments.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I agree, basically, with this bill and one provision that I am glad to see that was stricken was the part that would have attempted to allow one session of the Legislature to bind a future Legislature. That part probably should never have been in the statute, but since it had been in there, I