

SPEAKER NICHOL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass. Since it has the emergency clause on it it will take 33 votes. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 619 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 248 with the emergency clause attached passes. Mr. Clerk, do you have something?

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, your committee on Public Works whose chairman is Senator Schmit reports LB 35 advance to General File with committee amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Schmit. (See pages 619-620 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will move on to Select File.

CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 185 I have no E & R amendments. I do have an amendment pending from Senators Lamb and Barrett. They are found on page 551 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, are you going to handle this?

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, you recall on General File the discussion of LB 185 in which the current law states that a corporate officer who owns 25% or more of the common stock of the corporation may waive his rights to Workmens' Compensation coverage. Now the intent of LB 185 was to stop the issuance of any waiver effective the date of the bill and to render ineffective any waiver existing after January 1 of 1984. Since that time there has been considerable discussion by numerous people regarding the freedom of choice. We are, in effect, removing that freedom of choice with the passage of LB 185. Senator Lamb and I have collaborated, therefore, on the amendment which is found on page 551 of the Journal in which we are suggesting that a notice be attached to the waiver form which is executed by corporate officers in which the officers indicate that they are aware that there could be some potential danger in opting out of Workmens' Compensation coverage. Now this does represent a bit of a retreat on the bill itself but it certainly does not represent any kind of a retreat in my mind with regard to the potential dangers that we have in corporate officers waiving out of Workmens' Compensation coverage. Opponents of the bill talked about a freedom of choice and I, too, am a great believer in freedom of choice but I do think that freedom of choice should be informed and if it is not, it is