

January 10, 1984

LB 276
LR 2

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LR 2 is advanced. Senator Hoagland, would you like to go back and pick up 276? We will give this a run. We may have to break into the middle of it for the noon hour, but if so, we will try to get along. All right, back up to 276.

CLERK: Mr. President, 276 was offered by Senator Hoagland and Senator Marsh. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 14 of last year. It was referred to the Judiciary for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, 276 is a bill that deals with the problem of temporary and permanent restraining orders to keep spouses, husbands or wives, out of homes in situations where there is trouble, whether that situation relates to a divorce decree or whether it is simply a domestic violence situation. The basic thrust of the bill is to provide a criminal penalty for violations of restraining orders in those situations with the hope that the enhanced penalty will encourage people involved in those situations to obey restraining orders whether they are temporary or permanent in nature. Now last year part of this bill was incorporated or there was an attempt to incorporate part of the bill into the child support bill. That attempt failed. Because part of that...because the Judiciary Committee anticipated that part of that bill would be in the child support bill, the committee amendments that you are addressing right now are inappropriate in that they strike the section from 276 which was intended to be put into the child support bill. So Senator Hoagland will have an amendment to the committee amendments which will restore that. Let's go back a step now and let me tell you what is in the committee amendments and try to tell you what then will be changed. First of all, the first part of the committee amendments are purely technical in nature. They deal with a section of the bill that will not really be discussed unless somebody is