

April 4, 1985

LB 288, 529, 542  
LR 33

postponement of LB 288. All those in favor vote aye, all opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays on the motion to reconsider the indefinite postponement of LB 288, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the motion passes.

CLERK: Mr. President, while you are waiting, your Committee on Judiciary whose Chairman is Senator Hoagland reports LB 529 to General File with amendments and 542 indefinitely postponed. Both of those are signed by Senator Hoagland as Chair. (See pages 1384-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER PRESIDING

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, Mr. Clerk, let's take up the next matter.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item I have is offered by Senator Richard Peterson. Senator Peterson has made a motion to raise legislative resolution...place LR 33 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I move to raise LR 33 notwithstanding the action of the committee pursuant to Rule 4, Section 9. What this constitutional amendment would do it would limit the legislative days to 60 days each session and if this gets brought back to the floor, I have no problem with them in and out to prohibit bills from being carried over, but in talking to a number of people, they think maybe it ought to be left in. But I am willing to amend that out. The anticipated benefits of this proposed change are many and include the following. Decreasing the time in session would lessen the burden of serving in the Legislature. This may serve to open the Legislature to candidates for whom the 90 day sessions pose economic or logistical impracticalities. An earlier adjournment would permit the rural legislators to go home and begin their work and also give the urban senators early adjournment so that they could perform their duties in their offices, and so forth. Shortening the sessions would decrease the Legislative Council budget. All the support