

May 17, 1985

LB 389, 401, 406

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. You've heard the motion to advance the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Anything else on the bill?

CLERK: No, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Shall we move on to LB 406 with the emergency clause attached.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Final Reading of LB 406.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? All right, we'll wait a second. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on page 2361 of the Legislative Journal.) 42 ayes, 3 nays, 3 excused and not voting, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 406 passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 401.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return 401 to Select File for specific amendment. (See Beutler amendment found on page 2361 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this particular amendment involves a basic and perhaps somewhat important philosophic question. So you may want to pay attention because I know Senator Landis does not agree. This is the whistle-blower bill. This is the bill that gives extensive rights to public employees with regard to protections in the event that they report to you or I or any public official, or in the event that they report to the public counsel, which is under our jurisdiction, evidence of what is defined as wrongdoing in the bill, which means a violation of statute or something that is a serious problem in terms of public health or safety, or something that involves gross inefficiency or fraud. Back in Section 6 and Section 8 of the bill, Section 6 starts on page 8, and