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LB 79, 305, 322, 481, 543, 572, 572A  
642, 674, 813, 965, 1126  
LR 373

It creates the planning process, as the Economic Development Department is the lead agency for economic development planning and also provides for performance review of these different programs so we know we are getting our money's worth in economic development. The Director is really but one part of this effort and the question Senator Schmit is saying is there is no change in that area. Well, let me tell you there is change. The commission still would appoint, the Governor would have to consent, and the commission would set their salary. The only thing that has changed is the Governor would have hiring and firing power, not necessarily hiring power, although it would be with consent. So we still give greater power to that commission than they now have in this area and that whole battle can be fought again on Select File if you feel you need to do that. Obviously there is great controversy over it and we'll deal with it on Select File as we had originally intended. And finally what this bill attempts to do is provide legislative oversight and direction to the Department of Economic Development so we don't have the problems we had in the past few years. This is an important bill and a good bill and I'd ask your support for advancement.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. Do you have anything to put in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Barrett has amendments to LB 813 to be printed; Senator DeCamp to 1126. (See page 1475 of the Legislative Journal.)

New resolution by Senators Morehead and Eret asking the Legislature to go on record as supporting the retention of the Fairbury campus of the Southeast Community College. That will be laid over. (Re: LR 373.)

Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor bills read on Final Reading this morning. (Re: LB 79, LB 305, LB 322, LB 481, LB 543, LB 572, LB 572A, LB 642, LB 674.)