

February 27, 1995 LB 122, 124, 137

All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 914 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 122 passes. LB 124.

CLERK: (Read LB 124 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 124 pass? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 915 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 124 passes. LB 137E.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Witek would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (The Witek amendment, AM0663, appears on pages 915-16 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to explain a little bit about the amendment that I have just had passed out to the body and it's to strike the original sections of LB 137 and insert a constitutional amendment. I know you've probably all received a letter from Mike Kelly who is the lobbyist for Douglas County, which outlines some of the concerns that Douglas County specifically has with LB 137. And I apologize for asking to change this bill on Final Reading, but the time line for the reaction to this bill has been very short. This bill was passed over on Select File by a voice vote on February 6th. I received a letter from Frank Bemis, our County Assessor, on February 7th. So the reaction coming from Douglas County on the points that Mike Kelly outlines in this letter are slow, to be sure, but the process is fast, especially for people outside of the body, and their reaction, I assume has been as quick as possible. I