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June 5, 1997 LB 232, 476, 714, 784, 864A
 LR 292

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 2682-83 of the Legislative Journal.) 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 864 (sic) (LB 864A) passes. This concludes Final Reading for the day. We will move now to a report from the Rules...yeah, let's do some items for the record and then we will to go the report from the Rules Committee.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee reports (LB) 714 to General File, and (LB) 784 indefinitely postponed. Bills read earlier have been presented to the Governor. (Re: LB 476.) Senator Kristensen offers LR 292 as a resolution. It will be laid over. Senator Wickersham, explanation of vote. (Re: LB 232.) (See pages 2683-84 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a Rules report offered as the result of a proposed rules change introduced by Senator Abboud. The report, as submitted by the Rules Committee, is on page 2624 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: As this is a report from the Rules Committee, I believe I will recognize Senator Will to open on the motion. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in support of the proposed rules change as...that you should have in front of you on your desk. What this rule deals with is the way that we organize by caucus for purposes of Committee on Committees, and choosing what members serve on what committees. For a number of years, this has been something that has been floated at various time by different individual senators. Senator Abboud, actually, brought this proposal to the committee. It's been modified somewhat by the committee, but the thrust is that we currently organize with four caucuses that roughly correspond to the old four congressional districts, and the result of that has been that because of population shifts and different other disparities, there has become an imbalance populationwise among the districts. We organize the Exec Board and the Appropriations Committee according to three districts. That's what this proposal would do. They are not