

We spent hours and hours and hours discussing this problem. We've held meeting after a meeting. Now, if we're going to have to be put in a position of what Mr. Kruger recommends or doesn't recommend or what the Governor of this State wants to put his judgment above ours because, obviously, he has to take the recommendation of the Colonel. That's all he'll know about the problem is what the Colonel recommends and being frank about it, we don't think the Colonel reflects what ought to be done, we don't think he wants to do it. Now if you want to shirk your responsibility to the Budget Committee who will not know the problem, in any case, they will not spend any small part of the time this committee has spent. Don't pass the bill. It's just that simple.

SPEAKER: Now are you all through discussing the committee amendments as explained by Senator Luedtke and as amended by Senator Barnett? Senator Luedtke, do you care to close on your committee amendments? The question is shall the committee amendments as amended by Senator Barnett be adopted. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to adopt the committee amendments to L.B. 14. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, Mr. President on motion to adopt.

SPEAKER: Apologize for taking your time, I thought there would be more controversy than that. The committee amendments are adopted. We're back now to L.B. 14 as amended. Senator Schmit. Senator Nore, did you wish to be recognized? Thank you. Catch your light there.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, I think that the bill has been adequately explained. I think that Senator Carpenter has nailed it down rather firmly. I don't blame the members of the Patrol for not coming before the Budget Committee and outlining all these things because as Senator Carpenter has pointed out, the Judiciary Committee has spent many hours on this investigation and they should have some expertise in the area. Senator Clark even intimidates me on this body and so I can see why he would intimidate a member of the Highway Patrol coming before the Budget Committee. Senator Whitney has had a long history of being able to make me flinch when he stands up and begins to speak so I can understand that, but I think that it is time to fish or cut bait and I'm not going to apologize because the rest of these bills are going to cost a whale of a lot more money than these but I've warned you and I know that the members of this body are interested in this. I respect the Budget Committee but I think the other 40 members have an obligation also and those 40 members, I believe, feel as I do, along with members of the Budget Committee, that this is a necessary bill, it's the first of several, it's the first of about four or five and if you think this is going to be expensive, hang onto your hats because the rest of them are going to be worse, but I have told you about it and I've told you that we're either going to face up to it or we're going to hide our heads in the sand and I'm not going to do that. I move the bill be advanced to E&R.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill. The question is, shall L.B. 14 as amended be advanced from general file to E&R initial. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of L.B. 14 from general file and the Chair would ask, have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 1 nay, 14 not voting on the motion to advance.