

L.B. 112
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SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. This puts the legal teeth into the equal opportunity, public accommodations. This is not rent property, this is public accommodations which includes theatres, places of entertainment such as arenas, hotel, motel and other types of public accommodations only. I would move that this be advanced from general file to E&R initial.

CLERK: All right, Mr. President, there is pending an amendment by Senator Kelly, or not pending, but an amendment is being offered by Senator Kelly which makes a series of amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly, do you want to explain your amendments.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and Members of the Body, these series of amendments would have the section that regards public accommodation operate like the part on housing operates. The section that is stricken in L.B. 112 in the statutes covers the basic rules and regulations under which the Equal Opportunity Commission operates and uses the rules and regulations laid out in L.B. 112 as the regulations under which the Commission will operate which would include housing and all other facets of the Commission. I believe that this will do away with the secrecy that is built into L.B. 112 in the investigation area, all such investigation are secret and cannot, even though the people involved would like to have them used as evidence in the court hearing, they are excluded. To me this seems unfair to both parties to the complaint and I'm sure that these amendments will straighten out this problem.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion of these amendments?
Senator Marsh--yes, Senator Marsh:

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature. This would only prohibit the investigation's information. This does not prohibit the identical information being presented, only the private investigation as it is, this is the main reason for having an equal opportunity commission is so that there can be reconciliation type meetings between someone who has been alleged to discriminate. If this information is automatically been submitted, you have secret information which may have been given in good confidence, the information could still be presented in court; it is simply that this proceeding copy cannot be presented in court.

SPEAKER: Is there further discussion? If not are you ready for the question? Question is, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Have the amendments been read?

SPEAKER: I don't, Senator Carpenter, the amendment has not been read. Do you desire it read?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I got one that will put the bill in pretty good shape but I don't know what this does.

SPEAKER: Well, I suggest the Clerk read the amendments.

CLERK: O.K. Mr. President, it goes as follows: (read).

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney. Senator Whitney passes. Are you ready for the question? Question is, shall Senator Kelly's amendment be adopted? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed no. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Now, there is another amendment offered by Senator Carpenter (read).

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, would you care to explain that?