

(Start of Belt #3)

CLERK: Reading.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having complied with the question is shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: Vote read. 41 ayes, 0 nays, 8 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is passed with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move to return LB 311A to Select File for the following specific amendment. Read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I just talked with the Clerk again and this..if we return this now and put the bill in its proper form and it has nothing to do with the passage. If, in the future, anyone wants to consider "A" bills, at least the bill would be in proper legal form. I have talked this over with the Attorney General and the way the "A" bill now stands, it provides for legislation within the "A" bill which is not what an "A" bill is designed to do and I think this would make this "A" bill, if you ever want to consider it in the future, legal within the statutes and for that reason I offer this amendment. Now it has nothing to do with whether we read it later on or not. Perhaps none of these "A" bills will be read but in the eventuality that we do get to the last day, we would then not have time to return this bill and put it in proper form and I don't know whether Senator Carpenter recalls or not. I just talked to him about three or four weeks ago on this matter and with all the confusion on the "A" bills since then or at least our changes on them since I originally talked to them, that's why I didn't get to the matter before.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would like to ask the gentleman a couple of questions. Now what does it do? Is the amount of money the same?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What does the amendment do?

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, basically, the amendment was drawn up on a mathematical formula that would divide the five hundred thousand dollars up into the direct proportion that the various six regions in the state are now receiving money and there is no..in other words, there is no legislation within either the previous legislation or what we just passed in 311 that would reflect what this "A" bill does. With this amendment, it would leave the five hundred thousand dollars and it would make provisions for that money to be disbursed just as it has been the past and it does not either...as far as I know either benefit or hurt my region but as the matter is now stand, I really don't think this is legal and I did talk it over with the Attorney General and he, basically, concurred with me but it would leave the five hundred thousand dollars in it, Senator Carpenter, and it...current legislation does allow for some discretion by the Director of OMR to make payments with some leeway, here or there, depending upon need and that is all provided for.