

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 223 was a bill introduced by Senator Sam Cullan and Senator Frank Lewis. (Read by title LB 223.) The bill was advanced to General...excuse me, the bill was read for the first time on January 11. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments pending by Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you move the adoption of the Committee amendments?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of the Committee amendments. I will try to explain them. These Committee amendments were brought to the Committee by the Task Force that worked on the bill itself, and it amends Chapter 70-1007, which provides factors for the Power Review Board to consider in establishing service areas, and it establishes one additional factor, which is the immediate cost to the ultimate consumer involved in the transfer of a service area. That's one thing that it does. Now both Sections 70-1008 and 70-1009 apply to service area establishments, but where the language in 70-1008, the factors in 70-1007 do not apply to 1008, annexation of areas by the municipalities, so the factors apply then to 70-1009 only. It's just to clarify the language with respect to the subsections of Chapter 70. The type of costs that the factor refers to appears in things like hookup charges, and so on. That's an immediate cost to those that are involved in the transfer of area service. Now on Page 5, Line 3 to 7, after the word "application of either party", that means either party involved in the transfer can make application to the Power Review Board. Heretofore, it could have been read just one, but either one of them would have the authority to do so. Then, third, on Page 5, Line 6, acquisition is replaced by the word "amendment", which more properly carries out the intent. I move the adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We're voting on the Committee amendments to 223. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried, and the amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,