

March 5, 1979

LB 211

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the Carsten amendment to LB 211. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Carsten's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes. The Carsten amendment is adopted. Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Murphy now moves to amend, and Senator Murphy has been excused for the day or until he arrives, I should say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, we have a motion and Senator Murphy is excused for the day. What do you wish to do with taking up 211 or holding it over?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would like to have the attention of the Legislature just a minute because we have an issue here that can set precedent and it is important and that has to do with the fact that when we have issues that come up... I am going to have to wait a minute.

PRESIDENT: Would you give the Speaker your attention. A very important matter he is bringing to your attention. Pay attention to the Speaker. Proceed, Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: When there is a bill up like 211 and there is a succeeding bill coming up and there is an amendment on the Clerk's desk which has not been acted upon and the introducor is not here, then the question is, what do we do. Do we pass over these bills or do we take them up and let the introducor of the amendments take his or her chance later on? If we don't start acting we are going to have a backlog again and I am not accusing anybody in here of doing it deliberately but there is a problem involved. So I am going to rule on 211 and this will pertain to subsequent bills, that if the introducor is not here when the bill comes up, then we will proceed with that bill and if it goes beyond Select File then he or she will have to come and move the bill back. I know of nothing else that we can do. So that, Mr. Speaker, is the way I would like to have this particular issue decided and this will take precedence or establish precedence for the future. I will appreciate any comments anybody has but that is what I would like to do.