

March 19, 1979

LB 548, 564

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill simplifies the procedure whereby the Department of Agriculture can waive the sixty day waiting requirement when the individual who is a hobbyist in the business of keeping bees wants to move ten colonies or less within the state. The beekeeping industry is one which is very stringently controlled but the hobbyist beekeeper is an important part of the industry and the Department of Agriculture felt that this bill would assist that portion of the industry and I move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance LB 548 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. LB 564.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 564. The bill was first read on February 5 and it was referred to the Ag and Environment Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, LB 564 closes a loophole in the present law which allows that cattle that are being shipped from outside of the branding area to an area outside of the state without inspection could in the past sometimes escape inspection to determine if they might actually have been formerly under the brand inspection law. The bill also makes uniform the penalty that is associated with the brand law and clarifies the provisions in regard to these penalties. The area was not one of a major problem but there was a possibility that cattle could escape inspection of the brand inspectors and, therefore, the committee felt obligated to introduce the bill. I move that the bill be advanced to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.