

March 19, 1979

LB 265, 302

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced as amended. Now, you have been a very patient group this afternoon. I appreciate your cooperation. We will end with LB 524 today so the next bill is LB 302, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 302. Title read. The bill was first read on January 16. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments and I am going to turn the explanation over to Senator Burrows. This was really his bill to begin with and his great concern for it and he has followed it very closely. With that permission, I would turn it over to Senator Burrows.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you wish to speak to the amendments?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendments really become the bill in this bill. What we are providing for, in 1972 the Legislature passed a bill that the school district number would become a part of the state tax return. Now here it is seven years later and we have had problems of getting complete information from the return. Now I have been very pleased with the cooperation of the Revenue Department with the new Tax Commissioner, since the new Tax Commissioner has come into office. They are willing to cooperate but they have had some problems and in the amendments it provides that the Department of Education will cooperate with the Revenue Department in developing a uniform system for numbering. Now they have had problems here where they have been unable to identify Class I districts that crisscross county lines or say a district number one in getting a complete and really viable income tax information to the Legislature. Now we have about 80% reporting now. They did not desire that we make it mandatory to have this on the bill because they can presently do that if the individual does not file a return, and in some cases, they can fill it in much quicker than returning it back. This will make it possible and allow and require the Department of Revenue to put together