

April 10, 1979

LB 495

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is returned. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, I think some people have come in and I appreciate their voting on faith. Again, to explain the amendment, right now there are already negotiated contracts between cable companies and city councils and the concern was that the amendment I had with regards to public hearings on rate increases might be in conflict with some of those existing contracts and, in fact, that the Legislature can not now pass a bill that would impair a previously signed contract. So this indicates that the language that applies to rate hearings and notice to customers will take effect after four contracts signed are renewed after the effective date of this act so this is essentially to grandfather in the existing contracts, not to jeopardize them in any way and I have shown this language to lobbyists from the cable T.V. interests. He has not objected to the language as far as the grandfather clause. I must again say that the cable interests do not like the concept of the whole amendment and I believe Senator Haberman is going to try sometime later to strike my whole amendment but at the very least, I think we should put this grandfather clause in and then when Senator Haberman's motion comes up we can debate the full issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Fowler amendment to LB 495. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the adoption of the Fowler amendment to LB 495. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Senator Fowler, do you want to move the bill?

SENATOR FOWLER: I move that the bill be readvanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of the motion to return 495 to E & R for engrossment say aye, opposed no. Motion carried. The bill is returned. Senator Cullan would like to announce a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee under the South balcony for purposes of important but short business. Underneath the South balcony, members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee. LB 321.