

April 11, 1979

LB 584, 212

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Ready to advance the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Adopt the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 584. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to 584. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendments are adopted. Are you ready to advance the bill, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President. I move that LB 584 be advanced to E & R Initial as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the bill as amended vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried, bill is advanced. Next bill is LB 212.

CLERK: Read title to LB 212.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move adoption of the committee amendments. Give you a little back ground on this bill because the committee amendments substantially changes the purpose for which it was introduced. Back in about 1921 or 1922 when the State Fire Marshal's office was established it was done on the basis of a tax on fire insurance companies, premium tax, in turn those funds were to be used for fire protection and inspection. Somewhere along the time instead of having those funds placed in the separate fund they were being deposited to the General Fund and we were appropriating and have been for several years, appropriating from the General Fund directly to the Fire Marshal's office. So essentially this bill, which the old law identifies as a separate fund was introduced by the committee to reflect in fact in practice what was occurring. However at the public here then the...some of the fire insurance companies, which pay the tax, came in and were concerned that their tax was not being placed in a separate fund as it has