

April 30, 1979

LB 227, 356

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move LB 227 be readvanced to E & F engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Next motion is 356.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kelly moves to return LB 356 to Select for specific amendment. His amendment may be found on page 1588 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it has come to the attention of the League of Municipalities from the various cities throughout the state that the inflationary ravaging of the \$5,000 requirement in statutes is just insufficient in today's market and request where we are advertising for bids or where we are entering contracts or where we are using engineering estimates, those amounts should be changed from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to be in the same place as we were at the time the \$5,000 was put into statutes. I move we return the bill for this specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Kelly, may I ask you a question? They didn't request this during the committee hearing, did they?

SENATOR KELLY: At the time of the committee hearing they were changing the \$5,000 to \$10,000 in the advertising part of it but I'm not sure what they requested of the committee but when we changed that one from five to ten we should take the other two along with it.

SENATOR DUIS: Well there is some difference here between what they asked for then and what they are asking for now, isn't there?

SENATOR KELLY: I don't know that answer either.

SENATOR DUIS: Well the one was just on the advertising, that is the specs. Am I correct on that? Now they want to be able to let it without bids. Is that it?

SENATOR KELLY: Well in personal property they would allow the political subdivision, say the cities, to purchase up to \$10,000 without sealed bids, correct, where that is up to \$5,000 at this time.