

May 1, 1979

LB 444

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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature will come to order. We will take up LB 444.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 444. Title read. The bill was read on January 17 of this year. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Maresh's Business and Labor Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments to the bill are now the bill. LB 444 relates to the Court of Industrial Relations and deals with several areas covered by the interim study by the Business and Labor Committee last summer. The committee amendments made the following changes in the bill. 1. The part of the bill which made the presiding judge full time is deleted. The committee felt that an increase in the per diem which the judges receive was sufficient. 2. A definition for the term "good faith bargaining" was added which is taken from a definition used by the National Labor Relations Act. 3. A new section was added to allow the Court to use hearing officers in a case when it is necessary to speed up the case determinations. Hearing officers are used by other administrative agencies on the National Labor Relations Board. 4. A new section was added to clarify when the Court uses its investigation power it must notify the parties of the investigation and the specific contents of the information outlined. As the bill is amended, the cost of the bill will be only \$15,100 so it is necessary that we amend the A bill to this amount from \$41,500. Mr. Speaker, I move that the committee amendments be adopted as explained. Are there any questions? Senator Landis worked on these amendments for quite a time, and if there are any technical questions to the amendments, I am sure that he is here to answer them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak on the amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: I wanted to ask Senator Maresh a question but now they have put in a pinch hitter and I don't know if I can pitch to him or not.

SENATOR MARESH: Go ahead.