

February 12, 1980

LB 306

you have to do it piecemeal and I had not even completed obtaining the information that I need. I may only be one who is interested in having adequate information before voting on an important issue and if I am the only one there would probably be a vote to sustain the Chair but the reason I am asking that the Chair be overruled is so that more information can be obtained on this amendment and its meaning.

SENATOR LEWIS: The Chair is going to respond with the arguments. The purpose of the rule was to provide time for proponents and opponents. The Chair could have nothing to do with the quality of the arguments but adequate time has been allocated for the purpose of that discussion, adequate in terms of equally divided between the proponents and the opponents. The question before the House is shall the Chair be overruled. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I should be allowed to close on my motion then since there was an opposition statement to what I had said.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Chambers, the usual operation is that you get to make your remarks as to why you oppose the Chair's ruling. The Chair has the prerogative to make his remarks. Both of us have spoke, you with more eloquence than I and you have had plenty of time. The question before the House is shall the Chair be overruled. It takes 25 votes. Record your vote. Senator Chambers, correction, it is a majority of those present. You don't need 25 votes. You do need a majority. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR LEWIS: Motion fails. The question is on the Beutler amendment. Restate the Beutler amendment so that everyone knows what they are voting on.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Beutler amendment is to return LB 306 to Select File for an amendment that has been distributed on your desks.

SENATOR LEWIS: Now that you understood that interpretation of it, the question before the House is the adoption of the Beutler motion. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. The Beutler amendment. Voting no.

CLERK: Senator Lewis voting no.

7014