

April 9, 1980

LB 889, 535

E & R for Engrossment vote aye, opposed vote no. Yes, this is advancement of the bill. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. It is my privilege to introduce underneath the south balcony Nancy Clifford. Nancy, would you stand so we may recognize you? She is a friend of Senator Simon. Are we ready for LB 535?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, LB 535, was at one time on Final Reading. It failed on Final Reading. Senator DeCamp was successful on a motion to reconsider the bill on Final. Senator Newell and Hoagland and Barrett made a motion at that time to return the bill from Final Reading to Select File for a specific amendment. The bill was returned to Select File. I now have pending, Mr. President, the specific amendment as posed by Senators Newell, Hoagland and Barrett. The amendment, Mr. President, is on page 1289 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 535 is a bill that started out as a bill that just would straighten out the statutes, just put things in their proper order, and then as people had some ideas we incorporated those ideas, and then as we incorporated those ideas what happened simply was that they became controversial, and as they became controversial we had a case of Senator DeCamp on one side who was supposed to carry these amendments saying that the bill was a good bill, and Senator Barrett on the other side saying that this bill had some definite weaknesses because it had added some loopholes, and that is kind of an interesting contradiction, but that was the case. So after meeting with all these people, trying to work out some compromise in this whole issue, we decided that the preferable thing to do was to take out all those issues that were controversial and go back to the original bill, the bill as it was originally written by the Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission which would just straighten out the statutes. We would not do in any way...make any changes either substantive or nonsubstantive, and that is basically what these amendments do. They take out the issue of dissolving a candidate committee which was important to many members on the floor of the Legislature. In fact,