

February 6, 1981

LB 51, 64

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 51. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill as amended to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Next bill, LB 64.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 64 was offered by Senator Nichol. (Read title). The bill was read on January 9. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President, by the Public Works Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, we refer to this bill affectionately in the Public Works Committee as the "flasher bill". It's ironic that it is introduced by a conservative fellow like Senator Nichol. It has to do with flashing red lights on vehicles. Now Senator Nichol, his constituents, a couple of his constituents felt that privately owned wreckers when engaged in emergency service at the scene of an accident should have the right to use flashing red lights, and basically, the committee agreed with Senator Nichol. We did strike the entire bill but that was done only for drafting purposes. The substance of Senator Nichol's bill has been retained with some amendments. Okay, the committee amendments then do this. They require that a permit be obtained in order to use the flashing red lights. Secondly, it made a little more specific the circumstance in which a flashing red light could be used, that