

March 27, 1981

LB 283, 87

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the advancement of LB 283. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted on the advancement of 283? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is advanced. We will now take up LB 87.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 87 was introduced by Senator Marge Higgins. (Read.) The bill was read on January 12, referred to Judiciary. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol on the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this bill has to do with the decriminalization of alcoholism which we passed two or three years ago and Senator Higgins had a request from the City of Omaha inasmuch as they thought they had a problem with handling alcoholics that were on quasi public areas and so she will be visiting with you about that in a little bit but as far as the committee amendments are concerned, as originally drafted LB 87 would have eliminated several of the mandatory conditions which have to be currently followed before a police officer can take a person found to be intoxicated into custody. The original draft of the bill also provided for a new definition to be added in the bill of quasi public property. The committee amendments retain the disposition requirements to be followed by police officers but do incorporate a new definition of quasi public property. The Judiciary Committee amendments would also extend the time period a person could be held in civil protective custody from twelve hours to twenty-four hours. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak, do you want to talk on the committee amendments? Your light is still on. Thank you. The committee amendments, should they or should they not be adopted, let's vote on it. Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. I would like to introduce 17 students from Concordia College of Seward, Nebraska. Mrs. George Brandon and Richard Wegman are the instructors. They are in the North balcony. Would