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are any other questions, I would be glad to answer them but that is the principal purpose and I think we have all been familiar with the history of the Home Mortgage Act. I think we know that it has provided some valuable assistance at a time when the construction industry and the financial industry was unable to meet the demand for housing. We know that those interest rates are continuing to be abnormally high. We can expect I think a continued period of time when this will continue to exist. It denies many people the opportunity to own their own home or even to remodel or even to provide or have access to rental housing. It was felt by the Directors of the Home Mortgage Act that this would be a substantial improvement to the act. I concur and I, therefore, offer the bill and hope that it will be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill to E & R for review. Any further discussion? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on LB 543 and its advancement. Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 70.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 70 (read title). It was read for the first time on January 9th. It was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. There are committee amendments from that committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, as introduced, LB 70 would repeal all provisions in the statutes pertaining to polling place accessibility for physically handicapped. Currently the statutes require that no more than fifty percent of the polling places in the counties can be inaccessible now, and by January 1, 1984, all polling places will have to be accessible. The Secretary of State is authorized to issue waivers of the percentage requirement but no waivers will be allowed after January 1, 1984. Now rather than do away with the current statutes, the committee basically accepted the compromise offered by the various handicapped groups who testified at the hearing. The committee amendments reinstate the current language in the statutes so that by 1984 all polling places will have to be accessible. However, the Secretary of State will be able to continue granting waivers in 1984 and beyond. To