

May 12, 1981

LB 245, LB 39  
LR 180

SENATOR CLARK: Bill is declared passed with the emergency clause. Clerk will read 39E.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that, I have explanation of votes from Senator Warner. (See page 1941).

Mr. President, an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Hefner regarding reapportionment. (See page 1942).

Mr. President, a new resolution LR 180 offered by Senator Wesely. (Read LR 180).

Mr. President, with respect to LB 39, I have a motion on the desk.

SENATOR CLARK: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to return LB 39 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1282 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Before I call on Senator Koch I would like to announce what we are going to do is go through till 12:00 and come back at 1:30 and be on Final Reading because we will never finish it this morning. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH. Mr. Chairman and members of the body, the amendment proposes one thing. That is that we provide a date certain and that would be a one year sunset which means the legislature would annually treat the issue that we are discussing in LB 39 which has to do with medical assistance. I believe that with the problems that we have in terms of the federal government, their budgeting, our budgeting that if we are going to provide some relief to counties the best we should do is on an annual basis make a determination whether or not we should continue. So my amendment says that it shall be a one year provision. The legislature next year would have to review that to see if we want to continue to a great degree. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I know that it is going to seem strange to some of my colleagues but I am going to support Senator Koch and hope that we can pass this bill with the one year stipulation in it. I know that it is going to be rough because the Governor said that he was going to veto it, at least in its entirety. I have several