

February 4, 1982

LR 213
LB 654

having said everything I want to on this subject in the resolution, I move its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is your opening and closing. All those in favor of the adoption of LR 213 as discussed vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 213.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the resolution is adopted. Do you have other items? Item #6, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, first bill, LB 654, was a bill introduced by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read title). The bill was read on January 6th of this year, referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. LB 654 deals with the Commissioner of Education. And what the bill very simply does is it allows the State Board of Education to offer a three-year contract to the Commissioner. In the past there has been some discussion on the part of that board whether or not they can offer a contract longer than for an annual term. And I think it is important that we clarify this for the State Board in view of the fact that within probably a couple years they will be looking for a new commissioner and this would not be unusual to offer that person up to three years when they are looking and seeking for a new commissioner. So I ask for LB 654 to be adopted and moved to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on 654? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would just like to ask Senator Koch for some explanation of 654. When I read the bill the other night and, of course, I can't find it quick-like to read it again, but I read it the other night. It seemed to me, Senator Koch, that it was saying that the State Board of Education if it decided to offer a contract, had to offer a contract