

April 7, 1982

LB 629, 629A

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 629.

SENATOR LAMB: Those in favor of the E & R amendments vote aye, those opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch would now move to amend the bill and the Koch amendment is on page 1051.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Koch. The Call is raised.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I reluctantly withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, on the bill. The motion is to advance LB 629. Those in favor say aye, those opposed no. The bill is advanced. LB 629A.

CLERK: I have nothing on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I move it be advanced.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to advance the bill. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, somebody I think has to stand up and say something. It is pretty obvious the power of the press has I guess but we've debated for days in here about the budget. We keep talking about the cost to local governments. We talk about the cost to the state but if the press wants an increase in costs, we don't talk about it at all. It seems to me that is rather strange and I'm up for election this year. I suppose that I probably won't get too many endorsements perhaps as a result of that. It might be the last time I'm up but I think we need to recognize who is going to pay for some of these increases. We talked a little bit ago on 591 about property taxes and about equity and I can assure you that the property taxpayers are going to be paying more because of LB 629A. It just seems to me that we can't let this bill go across without at least pausing for a minute to recognize who is going to be paying for that. Now I realize this is a losing cause. I have been battered and bruised and bleeding in here before and I suppose I probably