

CLERK: Mr. President, I have received a Reference Report from the Reference Committee referring LBs 173-222 as well as referring LB 136. (See pages 194-195 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, finally, I would like to acknowledge receipt this morning of the Special Commonwealth Committee Report that was filed on December 31, 1985 (sic). That report was prepared, of course, by the Commonwealth Committee. It will remain on file in my office for review.

I do have a request on my desk, Mr. President, from Senator Carsten. Senator Carsten would ask unanimous consent to add his name to the minority report of the Commonwealth Committee Report which is part of the overall report.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten. (Gavel.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to rise and explain the reason for this request. The minority report was sent to us on Saturday, two days before the deadline that the report had to be submitted. We were to get the report on Saturday, read it. If we concurred or did not concur, we would be contacted on Monday for having our name put on it or not put on it. Due to circumstances beyond all of our control, I was unable to be reached or for me to reach the minority committee or chairman, and as a result, my name was not on it while I do not agree wholeheartedly with the majority report, nor do I agree wholeheartedly with the minority report. The Committee did decide that we could, without jeopardizing our position on either report, sign both of them. I think there are some things in the minority report that are not in the majority report that this body should be aware of and be knowledgeable of if and when the time comes that that question has to be discussed or looked upon. With that explanation, I would hope that this body would grant the request that my name be added, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. If there is no objection, so ordered. Now do you have further matters for the record, Mr. Clerk? The Chair recognizes Senator Morehead for an announcement.