

February 4, 1985

LB 649
LR 47

in LB 649. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw LB 649. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Since there are no lights on, Senator Lundy, we will vote on the board whether to withdraw LB 649. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Voting aye, Pat.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz voting yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to withdraw LB 649, Madam President. (See page 449 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MARSH PRESIDING

SENATOR MARSH: Motion is withdrawn...or legislative bill is withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, the next item is LR 47 found on page 435 of the Journal. It is offered by Senator Labeledz. (Read LR 47.)

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. This resolution has been introduced in order to commemorate the 67th Anniversary of Lithuanians' independence from Russia on February 16, 1918. On that day more than a million people of Lithuanian descent throughout the free world will commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the reestablishment of an independent state and the 734th Anniversary of the founding of the Lithuanian state in 1251. Lithuania, which borders my homeland of Poland, was first united in the Eleventh Century. By the Fifteenth Century it had become the largest European empire, only to be later divided by Russia, Germany and Austria in the Eighteenth Century. The country of Lithuania itself fell under Russian control until independence was restored in 1918. But independence was very short for this very proud country. In 1940 the Russian Red Army occupied Lithuania and incorporated it into the