

Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck. May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) We are beginning discussion on Final Reading now, please. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't think this is discussion on Final Reading. This is just to advance the bill, LB 53. What this bill does is to allow those under 10,000 population to have five county commissioners. As you know, many of the counties had township governments and many of them still have and they have a supervisor system of government, and then when they went to the county system, there was a law that when they originally went in they could have five, but after they once set it up and had three, they couldn't change it to five if they was under 10,000 population. Now all this does is allow those by petition and by a vote of the people to have five county commissioners if that county so desires. That is all the bill does. So it opens it up to those under 10,000 population. I urge you to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to speak to this matter, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the bill. Last year we had some problems that Senator Sieck and I share in Polk County and we had a difference of opinion by some of our commissioners but that has since been worked out and I think that the bill is appropriate and I would support it.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 53? If not, the motion...thank you for the correction that it's not on Final Reading, Senator Sieck. I was in a rut this morning. The motion is to move the bill...advance the bill from General File to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 53 as explained by Senators Sieck and Rod Johnson. Please record your vote. 25 votes needed. We are voting on the advancement of LB 53. Please record your vote. We are voting on the advancement of LB 53. Members, please record your vote. We are voting on the advancement of LB 53. Please record your vote. Are there members in the rotunda...the Clerk will record the vote.