

General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, in the '40s ASCAP and BMI attempted to use their copyright powers to require blanket contracts in the state from night clubs, hotel lounges and the like, and it didn't sit very well. To get back at BMI and ASCAP for this copyright fight, they went to the State Legislature and they got several harassing kinds of statutes passed. One of them is a special tax, a special permit, musical tax. Well, that one is still on the books. I thought I'd leave that one there because we can always use the money. But there is a requirement that these contracts between BMI, ASCAP and some of their clients be on file at the Secretary of State's Office. If you don't file these contracts, then there is a criminal penalty. The sole purpose of the law was to harass ASCAP and BMI. Although there may still be some hard feelings, in fact, what we have in the law are these barnacles of old economic protectionism. This strikes the filing requirement and the criminal penalty from something that really has no business being in our law. I would move for the advancement of LB 67.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? If not, the motion is to advance LB 67? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is to advance LB 67 from General File. Please record your vote. The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 67.

PRESIDENT: LB 67 is advanced. LB 94.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 94 was a bill offered by Senator Rupp. (Read title.) It was first read on January 10 of this year, referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, you going to handle this bill this morning?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,