

March 22, 1985

LB 592
LR 23

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote found on pages 1133-1134 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 592 passes. LR 23CA.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

CLERK: Senator DeCamp would move to return LR 23 to Select File for specific amendment. Senator DeCamp's amendment is on page 936 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this amendment is relatively simple. I think it is what the people of the state want. After a number of years I think it may be what some members want. The Legislature would come in, instead of annual sessions you'd come in for biennial sessions. Yes, they'd be a little longer, up to a maximum of 110 days under the amendment, but I think that would help get government back a little bit to what it should be. First of all, the committee structure would become exceedingly important in terms of processing bills and handling things during that other year's period. When you got it to the floor instead of being in this mad rush and a lot of amendments, you might have things better prepared. It was a system that worked pretty good for a long time. I think maybe the one phrase you've heard from the public more often than anything else is why don't you guys meet every two years or every five years. Well the biennial session is a better way, I think, to do business for budgeting, I think it is a better way to do business on major changes in legislation, and I guess I think it is a better way to do business for individual senators in terms of the part-time senator. I'd almost guess if you were to do this, you could put on the ballot at