

January 30, 1986 LB 778, 831

the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 778 is advanced from General File. LB 831.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 831 was introduced by Senator Pappas. (Read.) The bill was reported to General File without committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President, colleagues, LB 831 was brought forth because of the problem of high cost and rising cost of fire protection equipment for rural fire districts. Before, under law, they cannot have a sinking fund to exceed 10 years. They are limited to an amount and the levy they can put in it. What this does, basically, is strike the 10 years so they can go forth and build a sinking fund high enough to buy some of this high-priced equipment whereas before they couldn't. I ask for its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, this bill was heard by the Public Works Committee. It seems to be a perfectly logical bill because it is impossible for these fire protection districts to keep their equipment current because under present law they only have 10 years, from the time they are first formed, that they are allowed to have this fund. Some of them are operating beyond that at this point. So it is completely logical that this time period be eliminated.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 831? Any closing, Senator Pappas?

SENATOR PAPPAS: No, I just ask for the advancement.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 831. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting to advance LB 831 from General File. Please record your vote on the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.