

February 25, 1986 LB 379, 483, 494

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 379 passes. LB 483.

CLERK: (Read LB 483 on Final Reading.)

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

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 976 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 483 passes. LB 494.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Withem would move to return 494 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Read Withem amendment found on page 977 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, LB 494 is a little bill that deals with a very difficult to understand, difficult to resolve type of issue. It was my preference that we wouldn't read 494 today because there are a number of problems with the language, a number of things in the overall problem that need to be clarified, the problems between the gas companies on one hand and the municipalities on the other in terms of how gas is regulated. At this point, the two entities are incredibly close to reaching some sort of an agreement on how this whole procedure should be dealt with. LB 494 would be an excellent vehicle to do that. However, that agreement has not been reached. The amendment I am offering you today is not that amendment. The amendment I am offering you today is a piece of the original committee amendments to this bill. The committee, the Urban Affairs Committee, had attached some amendments to 494, basically two amendments. When the bill came up on consent calendar we found that the second half of the amendment was flawed, that it should not have been attached. We urged, in order to expedite the process, we urged that that committee amendment be...the full committee amendment be rejected. On Select File, we should have attached the other portion of the committee amendment but we didn't so we are ultimately over here on