

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

(Recorder malfunction. See pages 128-29 of the Legislative Journal.)

DR. ROBERT PALMER: (Prayer offered.)

(Quorum was present.)

(The Journal for the Ninth Day was approved.)

(LB 6 was correctly Engrossed.)

(Judiciary reports LB 7 placed on General File as amended.)

CLERK: (Read title to LB 7.) The bill was first read on October 17, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. There are Judiciary Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler for the opening. May we have attention, please. (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would move the adoption of the committee amendments. By way of preface and introduction to the bill, I think I should make a few remarks about the bill. And probably the first thing I should say is there are going to be some parts to this bill you are not going to like. And the second thing I should say is that the federal government requires most of those parts, if not all of them. So we are in a position where we are in effect responding to new federal requirements and we are responding to these new federal requirements in part because some of them are excellent suggestions and in part because we will lose 3 to \$4 million if we do not. So that is the general political context of this particular bill. Now the second thing you need to understand in a general sense is the timing on this bill. The federal requirements require that the bill be passed within a specified time period and that time period is complicated in its statement. It basically has to do with a four-month period from the end of the last legislative session beginning on such and such a date. In the ordinary course of things we would have had next year to do this bill, but because we have now had special sessions, essentially the requirement is that the system be in place