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LB 359, 579, 676
LR 28

Resources reports LB 359 to General File with amendments. Business and Labor reports LB 676 to General File with amendments. And Judiciary reports LR 28 to General File with amendments, all signed by the respective chairs. (See pages 1158-59 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, I have an amendment to the amendment. The amendment is offered by Senator Chambers. (The Chambers amendment, AM0619, appears on page 1159 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will ask the Clerk to please read the amendment and I hope the senators from Lincoln especially will pay attention.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Landis's and Ashford's amendment by adding a new section which would read, "The records of the non-long-distance calls of members who reside in the City of Lincoln, which are made, compiled, maintained, and kept by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company shall be available to the Auditor of Public Accounts without a court order for the purpose of conducting an audit."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And here's why I'm doing it, members, I told Senator Landis this myself, and he said he will live in the same house we live in. It's very easy for a Lincoln senator to pontificate about how our records should be made available to the public when they can make business calls, calls to their families or anybody they choose in Lincoln because those local calls are not audited by the Auditor. The records of phone calls held by a phone company are available only pursuant to a court order. This statute would, by virtue of its operation, do away with the necessity of the court order, and since the Auditor wants to make telephone calls to the people who have called us, he can also call those who have called the Lincoln senators. And, as for what Senator Vrtiska said, he pointed out he's a new person, he hasn't had probably any calls of significance of any kind from anybody, but maybe he has. But I would like to ask him a question before I proceed. Senator Vrtiska, you said you had been on the county board for how many years? Is Senator Vrtiska here? Oh. Twenty-four years?