

April 29, 1993

LB 203, 674
LR 86

on the motion to adopt LR 86. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 86 is adopted. We will now proceed with General File, LB 203.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, LB 203 was introduced by Senators Horgan, and Ashford, Bernard-Stevens, Cudaback, Rasmussen, and Robinson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8. It was referred to the Natural Resources Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. (See AM1677 printed separately from the Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I hope you can take a few minutes to listen closely to an introduction of the subject because it is a little bit complicated, and I think it would be helpful to you before questions arise to have a basic kind of picture of what's going on. I hope I can paint that picture accurately for you. The committee amendments are the bill, so the discussion will be logically on the committee amendments, and the committee amendments have really sought to do three things, I think. One is to effectuate the purposes of LB 674, which was Senator Hartnett's bill before the committee, and which I think, in all of its aspects, was agreeable to the committee, and that bill dealt essentially with the Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund. So LB 674 is incorporated into the committee amendment. Then in addition, the basic purpose and objective of LB 203 was incorporated into the committee amendment because the committee was also very agreeable to what Senator Horgan was attempting to do and we'll talk about that a little bit more. And then, thirdly, it blended into those general goals and objectives some protective measures that the committee felt strongly about, designed essentially for the purpose of protecting the overall fund level of these particular environmental funds. Going back and filling in a little more detail for you, LB 674 now dealt with the litter reduction and recycling funds and you have to keep clearly in your mind here that we are dealing with two