

Senate Bill 289

In The Senate

January 27, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended.
February 20, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 21, 1981	Second reading do pass.
February 23, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 24, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The House

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 26, 1981	Committee recommend bill not concurred.

In The Senate

March 27, 1981	Returned from House not concurred.
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Spencer BILL NO. *289*
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SECOND READING

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