

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

INTRODUCED BY MENAHAN

BY REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF ATHLETICS

IN THE HOUSE

January 21, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Labor.
February 5, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.  Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 6, 1985	Second reading, do pass.  Considered correctly engrossed.
February 7, 1985	Third reading, passed.  Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 8, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
March 6, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 7, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
March 9, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 32; Noes, 16.  Returned to House.

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March 11, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.



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