

HOUSE BILL NO. 541
INTRODUCED BY DARKO, D. BROWN

IN THE HOUSE

January 29, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 16, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 18, 1985	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 19, 1985	Correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 25, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 28, 1985	Second reading, concurrred in.
March 30, 1985	Third reading, concurrred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0. Returned to House with amendments.

IN THE HOUSE

March 30, 1985	Received from Senate.
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April 8, 1985

Second reading, amendments
concurrent in.

On motion, rules suspended and
bill placed on third reading this
day.

Third reading, amendments
concurrent in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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2 INTRODUCTION BY Barbo

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17 personally satisfy such additional costs, fees, expenses, or
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

March 23 1985

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on JUDICIARY

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 541

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(Senator Daniels)

PARTY MULTIPLYING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS LIABLE FOR INCREASED COSTS

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 541

be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 18.
Following: "lesses"
Strike: "SO"

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AND AS AMENDED

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DO NOT PASS~~

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Senator Joe Mazurek

Chairman.

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