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LB 308

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I do. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment is a very simple thing. It would allow the people of Ralston, a small first class city of just over 5,000, to decide as Senator Abboud has indicated whether or not they do want to go to the four wards which would make it a straight district election situation. That is the issue. I think that the people of Ralston can decide that. There won't be any great delay, and with that in mind, I would urge the Legislature to adopt this amendment to LB 308.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Newell amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting on the Newell amendment. Please vote. Six are excused, Senator Newell. Senator Newell, six are excused. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: You can go ahead and call it. I would just like to have a record vote. There is a little question of consistency here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A record roll call or a record vote has been requested.

SENATOR NEWELL: You don't need a roll call, just a record vote so we can put it in the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell requests a record vote. (Read record vote found on page 1038, Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Newell amendment fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We are back on the bill. Senator Abboud, did you wish to close?

SENATOR ABBOUD: I simply would like to point out that this is basically a housekeeping uniform setting bill. It would allow Ralston to be just like all the other first class cities that have the mayor-council form of government and have the four wards and I would urge its advancement.

SPEAKER NICHOL: He was closing, Senator Newell. The question is the advancement of LB 308. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. LB 308. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.