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LB 1005, 1100

File so I will help advance it today.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp, any closing on the bill?

SENATOR DECAMP: Just a commitment from me and that is, and a warning again to the industries involved, I will not, as one individual, intend to take the bill up again unless that "formalized agreement" is reached. I believe it will be but so they all know. Anyone of them has the ability to stop everybody else simply by being stubborn. I suggest it is in everybody's best interest to get this worked out, if you want to hold your whole medical malpractice system together.

SENATOR CARSTEN: All those in favor of advancing LB 1005 will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill is advanced. We will pass over 985 and move to 1100, appropriations bill. Senator Warner.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1100 introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was first read in January of this year, referred to Government, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Goll, are you going to take this?

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, yes, I am. I introduced LB 1100 on behalf of the Appropriations Committee. It is designed to repeal the Vietnam Veterans Education Loan Act. This act became effective in 1973. Funding for the program was eliminated during the Second Special Session of the Legislature in 1985. The Vietnam Veterans Education Loan Act provided loans for additional education to Vietnam era veterans. Such veteran was to have attended a state supported school, college, university, or technical college and these loans were to be used only for tuition costs. The loans were prioritized by need and carried a 5 percent per year rate of interest on payback. Since the bill went into effect in 1974, from 1974 through 1982, eight years, there were 467 loans. This year, 1985-86, to date, there have been only five. The total amounts expended so far were