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LB 327A, 764

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Hilgert's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Hilgert amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?

CLERK: Nothing further.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hilgert, there's nothing further on the bill, there are no further lights on. Closing's waived. The question is, shall LB 327A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on the advancement of 327A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 327A advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 764.

CLERK: (LB) 764, introduced by Senator Robinson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson, to open on the bill.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I introduced LB 764 in response to requests from election commissioners, county clerks, and the Secretary of State. The bill contains a number of changes in our election statutes. I sent you a letter last week because I wanted you to know that I'm aware of the bill's length and the 30 minute time limit we have to work with. In that letter I said I would try to...try my best to accommodate any concerns you have with the bill, and I reiterate that pledge today. If there's something we can't work out at this time, well, hopefully we can work it out between now and Select File. Most of the changes proposed in LB 765 (sic) may be classified as clean-up provisions. For example, several sections change the term "legal voters" to "registered voters". The term "legal voters" is not as clear as "registered voters", which is...which has an accepted definition. These sections also change the terms "poll book" and "poll list" to "sign-in register"; list of registered voters, sign-in register, or absentee voters book. These