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a farm that they have to apply within the allotted time and not just any old time.

PRESIDENT: All right, then the question is, shall LB 767 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on the advancement of LB 767. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. That brings LB 675. Senator Richard Lewis' bill. 675, excuse.

CLERK: LB 675 (read)

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, ready for the committee amendments to 675.

SENATOR SCHMIT: All the committee amendment is the added emergency clause, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Is there a need for further discussion of the committee amendments? The question is then, shall the committee amendments to 675 be adopted. All those in favor please say aye, all those opposed say no. The ayes have it. So ordered. The amendments are adopted then. Senator Richard Lewis back to you. 675. Go ahead, Sir.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Am I on?

PRESIDENT: You are on.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: O.K. LB 675 is a bill that repeals a section in the statutes that deals with municipalities. And this..when we passed last session LB449, I think the number was, that dealt with the flouridation added to municipal water systems, several people in this body voted for this bill with the understanding that in the event that the municipality cared to initiate a referendum and put it on the ballot they could leave it to a vote of the people whether they added flourides or whether they exempt themselves from this authority. But they are limited by this section from having a simple initiative referendum. What this provides for that we're repealing or hope to repeal is that they have to have an initiative referendum to place on the ballot of vote whether this municipality has an ordinance to provide for a referendum to vote on this. Well, now if we do not do this we are going to force a special election upon every municipality in the country. If we do pass this, with the emergency clause, they can provide this and in time to get it on the primary ballot. Now, the league of Municipalities, I think I am correct in this statement, have had something like a hundred inquiries from municipalities asking what the procedure is. How they go ahead with this. And unless we repeal this particular section they are bound to this double procedure at the moment and I think this is an obligation that we owe these municipalities to be able to place this on the ballot, and I would move this be advanced to E & R.