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LB 90, 90A

There is a lot of oil left down there that is not being drilled for because of a lot of the policing that took place was left go. A lot of these wells were not plugged or nothing else. I understand he wants to keep it out there and that is good if he thinks he can control it from out there, let him go, but I think we need representation here in the east. I think there is a lot more oil that could be drilled here if it was worked right and with the shortage of energy and the needs of oil I think we need all the people we can get to try to do something about this serious problem. Nebraska could bring in a lot of income from oil if it was worked right, I am sure, having been involved in some of this. I think I know a little bit of what is taking place but I don't think this is going to cost anybody a dime. This is their game so why shouldn't we kind of dictate a little bit of the overseeing of this? I wish you would support this amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The question before the house is the adoption of the Merz amendment to LB 90. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Merz, do you wish to have a Call of the House or do you want me to call the vote? All right, record the vote.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Merz's amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Motion fails. Senator Clark, would you wish to...?

SENATOR CLARK: I would move the bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The motion is renewed to advance the bill to E & R Initial. All those in favor of advancing LB 90 vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Motion carries. The bill is advanced to E & R Initial. Next bill on General File is LB 56. Oh, all right, have we got 90A, yes. LB 90A.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 90A.) The bill was read on January 31. It was placed directly on General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING