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LB 56

The bill was first read on January 4 of this year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are pending, Mr. President, committee amendments offered by Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I am going to yield to Senator Clark. He is familiar with the amendments and, Senator Clark, I will yield to you on the explanation of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you move for the adoption of the committee amendments, Senator Clark?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, I do if I ever find them. What these amendments do, I just move for their adoption but what they do is to...the bill was written wrong when it said the Natural Gas Act of 1978 and it should be the Natural Gas Policy Act, federal, Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. It merely corrects that terminology. I move for their adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 56. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Okay, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark for discussion on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: I would move that LB 56 be advanced to E & R Initial. Now what this bill does is give the Oil and Gas Commission the authority to classify gas wells and it is in accordance with the federal law if they do not have the authority. Someone has to have the authority and the Natural Gas Policy Act says it would be the Oil and Gas Commission if they have one in a state. If they do not classify as to whether this is old gas, new gas or regardless of what type it is, a well has to be classified and if they do not classify they cannot sell the gas. It is merely putting it in conformance with the federal Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 so that Nebraska can go ahead and sell the gas and I would move for advancement to E & R Initial.