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LB 117

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see twenty-five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases and, Senator Johnson, will you close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I only have one comment to make, Mr. President and members of this body and that is this, Senator Lamb called to my attention that probably in the last five or six years the cost of living has increased to a point that \$750, at least, which is what the committee amendment calls for, would be warranted under the present cost of living adjustments. Of course, as we well know, the cost of living continues to rise, and without any question, it will soon be that the \$1,000 is about the same as what \$500 was in 1972. It seems to me that we can forestall having to come back to the Legislature a year from now or two years from now to increase the jurisdictional limit to \$1,000 if the committee amendment itself is adopted by going to \$1,000 at this time. I do think it is a very good amendment and I again encourage your support.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the adoption of the Johnson amendment to the committee amendment on LB 117. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Johnson amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Proceed then with the amendment, Senator Nichol. Anything further on the committee amendment as amended?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, since I don't favor the amendment, I guess it is my duty even so to move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Yes, it is, to adopt the amendment. This is the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: I guess it is my duty to move to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, so the motion is to adopt the committee