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LB 178

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 178 was a bill introduced by Senator Tom Vickers of the 38th District. (Read by title, LB 178.) The bill was first read on January 10. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee adopted amendments move the proposed filing date from August 15th to August 25th and also the new language would require the filing of an amended budget statement using the final adjusted valuation on or before September 1st was deleted. The committee felt that the result of this amendment...that is moving the date from September 1st to August 25th would give the county officials sufficient time to set the mill levies, and that was really the basis for it, just to give ample time for the county officials to set the mill levy.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten makes a motion to adopt the committee amendments to LB 178. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, LB 178 is one of those perennial issues that's been here before, and the problem, as Senator Carsten pointed out, is simply a matter of dates. As the law now stands, these entities...ESUs, NRDs, etc., didn't have to have their budget in until September the 1st, and this didn't allow the county board, the levying board, any time to set the mill levy, because the mill levies also have to be set by September the 1st. The amendments that the committee agreed upon, and are now part of this bill, is a compromise between the 15th and the 1st, quite simply. The people that opposed this bill at the hearing have assured me that the 25th they can live with and the county officials have assured me that they can live with the 15th so I would move for the advancement of LB 178.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to be recognized?