

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair construes that to be a speech in favor of the advancement of the bill. Is there any other discussion? The motion is to advance 437 as amended to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Clerk record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carries. The bill is advanced. Now how many amendments do we have to the next bill? Okay, LB 119. The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President LB 119 was a bill introduced by Senator Jerome Warner, Senator Don Wesely and Senator Steve Fowler. (Read by title LB 119.) The bill was first read on January 8th. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are no Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well there are other amendments, but I'm going to recognize Senator Warner first for discussion of the bill as a whole, and then the other discussion will be to the amendments. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move that LB 119 be advanced to E & R Initial. LB 119, as introduced, would eliminate the restriction of the prohibition in the existing statute where a municipal generation, if it is located within the corporate limits, or within the county... if it is to be located within the corporate limits or within the county where the municipality is also located, does not need to come to the Power Review Board for permission to construct that generation. When you look back to 1963 when this was done, as I recall, being a member of Public Works at that time, that the exception was primarily made because of...at that time many very small units, and it was felt they didn't properly...did not properly need to come before review. Since that time, of course, the construction of generation of electricity has changed substantially, much larger units, and the real crucial fact is that what is built by one community can have and does have an impact upon the total electrical needs of the state. There has been concerned expressed many times that we can have too much generation, or located in the wrong place, or too expensive a generation, whatever the reason, it does eventually have an impact on the electrical consumer. What the bill then states is that any generation to be constructed in the state, regardless of by whom, will go to the Power Review Board for approval prior to that time. The...I