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LB 63, 90

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, please.

PRESIDENT: All right. Proceed with the roll call.

SENATOR WESELY: Pat, could you explain what this vote is?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, if you will explain one more time and read the motion.

CLERK: Read Chambers motion found on page 729 of the Legislative Journal. Read roll call vote found on page 729 of the Legislative Journal. 29 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails, so, Senator Chambers, I guess the matter cannot come up. The motion fails so we cannot take up LB 63. We will proceed then with the next item to come up which is LB 90, another interesting parliamentary requirement. Read the motion, Mr. Clerk. Yes, Senator Reutzel made the motion to raise the Call and no objection. The Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers moves to return LB 90 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to reconsider the Merz amendment now on page 646 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this appears to be a difficult day for these types of motions due to the number of people who are absent. Nevertheless, this is an issue which should be reconsidered. There were 24 votes for the motion that Senator Merz had made. I was not here during the discussion so I was unaware of what the issue was. There was not time for Senator Merz to inform me adequately of what he was trying to do to obtain my vote but because it is a matter that I am in accord with, I told him I would make the motion which is before you now to bring the bill back to Select File to add this amendment. Since there were 24 votes that day, there should easily be 25 to return it. That is all that we need, 25 to return it. We can attach the amendment and then move it on and I did talk to Senator Clark to inform him of what I was going to do since it is his bill. I believe he said he was out of sympathy with what I was going to attempt to do, nevertheless, as soon as I put the motion on the desk I did inform him so there is no attempt to sandbag him.