

April 3, 1979

LB 412A

voting on the Duis amendment to LB 412A. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Duis amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are discussing this on a motion to advance the bill to E & R for review. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I have here before me a copy of the vote on the advancement of LB 14A and it was explained by Senator Nichol. It took a considerable amount of effort to get \$1200 advanced into the budget procedure for the enactment of a vote on whether or not the bean growers wanted to go into a checkoff program. But we are going to casually advance a bill here that calls for the expenditure of about \$400,000 of general funds and you are going to see the bill slide right across the Board and no one is going to say anything. As I said earlier, a little deception, a little wool pulling over the eyes of the people is accepted I guess. Maybe we ought to have that lamb checkoff, Senator Lamb, because we are certainly pulling the wool over the eyes of the people with this bill. I want to call it to the attention of the Legislature that LB 412 simply as amended changes the name of the Office of Planning and Programming but it continues the responsibility in much the same manner as they have always proceeded which is very plainly to do nothing except to harass and intimidate and coerce some of the local people into adopting rules and regulations and procedures they don't need in the first place but we are going to spend \$400,000 here and it is kind of interesting. I don't know who the individual was on the staff who drew up these fiscal notes but there is a change in these fiscal notes, and if you look at the right hand column, it says the total is only so much money and that applies whether the money is \$12 or \$12,000 or \$12,000,000. That has to be a pretty subtle attempt to influence the Legislature that we are not spending very much money no matter how much money you put out in the bill. I am opposed to the spending of the money. I am opposed to the continuation of the office. The office is going to be continued but I think if we at least try to fool each other once in awhile, we should not try to fool the people and we should go back home and tell the people, no, we did not discontinue the Office of Planning and Programming, we merely changed its name so that you people think we actually did something under the sunset law. We did nothing except to change the name. Now we are going to go ahead and spend the \$400,000 as we have always done in the past.

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