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LB 412

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I was going to talk again. There is a motion up on the desk and I just wanted to get that motion up there before we move to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While we are waiting for that I will recognize Senator Keyes. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Just kind of an absent minded thinking. What is the position? Did we accept the amendment?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The amendment was adopted to LB 412, yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Now what are we doing now?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we now have a Newell amendment to LB 412.

SENATOR KEYES: Could you read that amendment to me?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to amend the Duis amendment just adopted by adding the word "Governors" Policy Research office.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read it again. Okay, go ahead, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I offer the word, just one word change, to add and call this department the Governors Policy and Research Office. It is a very simple amendment and the purpose is very simple. I think that we ought to be, you know for many years under a Democratic administration, under a Republican administration, no matter what party is in power, we all know and everyone who knows and is familiar with state government knows that this department is the place where the Governor's staff is located and the reason we do this is simply to provide this very unclear differentiation that for some reason they are different departments and it is really not under the Governor's department and for that reason I think we ought to clarify this. It would make it very simple. It is very honest. It basically says that this is the Governor's Department of planning and policy and for that reason I think we ought to make that change, be very up front about the whole thing and that is why I offer this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment?