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LB 412

SENATOR KEYES: Yes. I think we very definitely understand and to the Senator who said he would carry the bill for the Governor. I am not a bit ashamed. If they want to call it the Policy Research Office, the PRO, Pro's Office, that probably sounds just as good as SOPP, Sopp Office. Very clearly we can call it which ever one we want to as long as the functions remain there and we can do them. So I am not going to oppose the amendment at all.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Newell amendment to the Duis amendment. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well if you have had your fun, Senator Newell, that is all right. I am mighty proud to carry this bill. It is a coordinating office. I don't think that the Governor would be a bit ashamed of having his name on the bill. Senator Keyes, I realize what political party you come from but that is not an object of mine at all, whether it be Democrat or Republican makes absolutely no difference. I suggest we refrain from taking on the amendment. I sincerely oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Newell amendment to the Duis amendment. Senator Newell, if you want to speak, put the light on.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would like to close on my amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, okay.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I am sorry that Senator Duis takes offense to this because I am not trying to do this...it is not a thing I do in jest. It is not a game I am playing. I just think we ought to be very sincere about what the office is. That is what it does. That is what it has done all the time. It has done that under Jim Exon. It did that under Norbert Tiemann. It is going to be that same department under Charlie Thone and all I want to say that instead of saying it is some sort of fancy department, let's make it clear who that department responds to. It responds to the Governor. It is his policy and planning. I think the name is accurate. All I want to do is make further definition and it is not a game. It is not an insincere amendment at all. It is a very sincere amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Newell amendment to the Duis amendment to LB 412. All those in favor of that