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LB 457

utilities. This is another amendment which has been offered by the utilities which I accept. I think it spells out some further clarification and I move for adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the Simon amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any other motions on the desk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the advancement of LB 457 to E & R for Review. Senator Simon, are you ready for the vote? Do you have anything in closing?

SENATOR SIMON: Just a brief closing, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR SIMON: Let me again say I think with the amendments that have been adopted this morning, two of them which were offered by the REAs, my memory was just jogged, this one was also offered by the REAs as a clarification that the first meeting would be merely informational, the second one would be where they would hold the hearing. I think that with the amendments that have been adopted today, with the explanations that have been made by Senator Fowler, Senator Hoagland in terms of the cost which isn't going to be substantial because the mailing, the stuffers, could just be used on the mailing, what we are really talking about getting it out on the table is not the issue of increased costs because they are negligible, but whether or not the public has a right to know. I would say that in order to be consistent with what we have done with public right to know in other areas of elected bodies, that this type of legislation would be beneficial to the people of Nebraska and I would move for adoption of LB 457 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: How many are excused?