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LB 495

Kremer's district, there were twenty-seven twelfth grade students and one teacher from Nebraska Christian, Central City, Nebraska, and we welcome them to the Unicameral. Now, Mr. Clerk, LB 495.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fowler moves to return LB 495 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Read Fowler amendment found on page 1355 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR FOWLER: This is an amendment to the cable TV bill that I am sure you have been contacted on or a number have been contacted on. This amendment is a grandfather clause. It indicates that the language that was added to the bill as far as public hearings, as far as notice to customers would not apply to existing cable agreements, ones that are in existence right now and I offer this because there has been concern about the legislative bill affecting the agreements that have already been negotiated by city councils and the Legislature really could not affect those contracts since they are already in effect but just to make that absolutely clear I added this grandfather clause. Now I should indicate and I am sure that the cable people have indicated to some of you, Senator Haberman has a later motion to strike the whole concept that I have added and I think when that motion comes up we can debate the concept and you know, the pros and cons of public hearings on cable rate increases, but this is simply a grandfather clause, and although it doesn't go as far as the cable industry would like, at least they feel it is better than the existing bill, so I would move for the return of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: May I ask a question, please, of Senator Fowler? Senator Fowler, you do wish to have the word "renewed" in this particular amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return 495 to Select File for a specific amendment as per the explanation of Senator Fowler. All those in favor of bringing the bill back vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on bringing back LB 495 to Select File for a specific amendment. Record.