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LB 356

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Kelly, do you want to close?

SENATOR KELLY: I waive closing, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, the question is, shall the bill be returned for the Kelly amendment? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye. 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SENATOR KELLY: I move we adopt the Kelly amendment to LB 356.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is returned. Do you want to adopt the amendment now?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: All right. The question is the adoption of the amendment. Senator Reutzel, do you want to talk on it, please?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Thank you, Mr. President, I was beginning to think my light had burned out up there. I would just very briefly say that I support the Kelly compromise. I think it is very fair and for Senator Lewis I would just say yes, we did have the public hearing on this because I carried the bill last year on the very same thing that Senator Lewis is talking about today, on that very section. I think the \$5,000 is arbitrary. It is artificial. If we look at a small village, it has maybe one police car and they have an accident and they have to replace that and we have to go through an extensive bidding process. Not only that, not only the bidding process but more importantly, the time delay. We have got to go through publication of several weeks perhaps until the next city council meeting. In the City of Fremont perhaps they have something go out in the Department of Utilities or out at their electrical plant and there is only one manufacturer. We have had these cases happen. Only one manufacturer can replace that part, the only one in the entire country, the original producer, but yet we have got to sit there and wait several weeks while we notify everyone through public...through the newspapers that we are going to have a public hearing on this before we can go ahead and order the equipment and purchase it. I think Senator Kelly's compromise is more than fair and I would urge that we adopt this and pass the bill.