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LB 483

amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell had other amendments pending. However, Senator Venditte has offered a motion to recommit LB 483 to Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have not discussed this particular motion with Senator Newell. I have listened for the past forty-five minutes to debate and I have heard time and time again that it is the consensus of the various groups that they support this bill. I don't know that to be true. The input that I have had from my constituents, and I have had several who came down to the public hearing, they want no part of this bill as amended. I think we need to get a barometer on how the people feel about this bill as amended, and the only way we are really going to know how the people feel about this bill is for them to tell us and that obviously, people, is, of course, the committee hearing. What better way would we best know the feelings of the people? We don't know how they feel at this point, this juncture. We don't know because they haven't had a chance, I don't think have had a legitimate chance to study the bill as it has now been amended. It has, as you well know, been amended drastically. The changes that have been made are somewhat foreign to most of these people. I think they deserve...I think they deserve a public hearing on this matter that is before us here this afternoon. I have had several inquiries the past several weeks wondering what this particular body was going to do and I am surprised that more Senators haven't been contacted. I have been and I know several others have. Just before introducing the motion to recommit this bill back to committee, I spoke to the Speaker of the Judiciary Committee and Senator Nichol agreed that maybe this might be the best thing for us to do at this point. I say let's give the people a chance, a chance on what I consider to be a new piece of legislation that is before us, and anything new before this body I think warrants a public hearing. I don't think that we want to move this bill from General File to Select File without the people knowing full well what this bill entails. I don't know..I don't know exactly how the people feel about this bill. The only way I will is to let them tell me in a public hearing and I think it would be in the best interest of all of us if we would do just that. I think it would best benefit all of those people who are in this situation and who will be in this situation in due time.