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class two cities that have now grown to the population of 5,000 and therefore they qualify to be class one cities. This dictates though to those cities that may have two wards to increase the number of wards to four and some of them just would not like to do it at this stage. This simply gives them flexibility to continue at two wards as a minimum if they so desire, but it does not mandate for everybody two wards. Two is just the minimum.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, I support this bill in that some of these cities are just barely over the population division and so if this bill is not passed, they suddenly are forced to have more wards and more city councilmen, and it seems logical that those toward the top end of the population class may want to have more wards and more councilmen, but those at the lower end would have permission under this bill to stay with the lesser number and I believe it is logical.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on LB 629? You may close, Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: I think it has been properly explained. I move the advancement of LB 629 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The question then is, shall LB 629 be advanced to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 629 is advanced to E & R Initial. LB 648, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 648 was introduced by Senator Wagner. (Read title to LB 648.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: There are none?

CLERK: No.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.