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LB 648, 863

or certified mail.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LB 648? Seeing none, Senator Wagner, you may close.

SENATOR WAGNER: I really don't have a closing, but I would move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion before the House is, shall LB 648 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. LB 648 is advanced to E & R Initial stage. LB 863.

CLERK: LB 863 was introduced by Senator Chris Beutler. (Read title to LB 863.) The bill was read on January 22 of this year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments pending. None.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill is also a housekeeping bill of sorts. Historically, the Power Review Board, which deals with public power in this state, has been under the Department of Water Resources. There has been no particular reason for this except that they had no place else to go, no more logical category for them to be in, and so the head of the Department of Resources has been as a matter of law formally overseeing the Power Review Board, but as a matter of practice really has little or nothing to do with the Power Review Board. Basically all this bill does is says that the Department of Water Resources can get out from administering this board and this board will take care of their own business. The Department of Water Resources is in support of the bill. The Power Review Board is in support of the bill. The power industry supports the bill. Basically it is simply to place control of the Power Review Board in the hands of those who are responsible and those who are knowledgeable in the area. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

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