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LB 863, 701

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, a question of Senator Kremer, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR LAMB: I guess my concern is that we are creating a new agency and sometimes I don't like to see that happen. I wonder, is it not more efficient to find a home for these agencies? Even though they do not have a direct relationship with another agency, it seems to me that sometimes we stick them under another agency merely for efficiency's sake, and I am wondering if by creating a new agency, are we eventually going to create more bureaucracy in the state government which we possibly could do without?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Lamb, in my opinion we are not creating a new agency. The Power Review Board is already there. Historically, they were under the Department of Water Resources but they have been given so many new assignments, so they actually are an agency that should operate by themselves. Now the Department of Water Resources is not adverse to what we are doing here. I think as Senator Beutler said, we are...it is a housekeeping bill. We are trying to save a little money, trying to save a little time on paper work. It is just a matter of procedure that is not necessary any more. They are an agency now, Senator Lamb, in my opinion.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would waive closing, Mr. Speaker, except to mention that there is no additional cost involved in this switch-over, so again it is primarily a house-keeping matter.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion then is, shall LB 863 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 863 is advanced to E & R Initial. We will now proceed with LB 701.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 701 was introduced by Senator Kremer.