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LB 748, 690

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay the motion is to advance 748 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced to E & R for review. The next bill, LB 690.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 690.) The bill was read on January 10. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, this is an attempt to resolve the question of legislative expenses for members when we are in session. We already take care of expenses when we are out of session. The expenses would be handled in the same way. It would not be a per diem or anything else. It would simply be on the basis of receipted expenses. We are currently involved with the discussion with the Attorney General on the issue but we think this is an important enough issue for the members that we intend to ask you to support the bill and if necessary we will involve ourselves in litigation to resolve the issue once and for all. I think it is only fair to expect that the members would be reimbursed for their actual receipted expenses and I want to make sure everybody understands that. It just would be on the same basis that it is now and when you drive it will be at twenty-one cents a mile, hopefully, Senator Wagner, and if you have meals or if you have hotel receipts those will be taken care of in the same manner. We anticipate it will cost \$130,000 and we are up front on that and we've got an A bill to provide for that. I ask you to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak? The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Senator Nichol first, then Senator Chambers, then Senator Kelly, then Senator Kahle. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Frank Lewis, just a couple of questions. I'm not fighting the bill, just a question or two. Would there be any limitation on say, hotel or motel room per day and also would there be any limitation on any other expenses?

SENATOR LEWIS: We already have a limitation that we'll pay on long term hotels. D.A.S. has that and I have an apartment year round and they pay me \$14 a night. The same kind of limitations would apply, the same mileage limitations and the same