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LB 319

SENATOR WARNER: I move the amendment be adopted, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. Any discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, could I ask for just a clarification of the rule?

PRESIDENT: There is no rule. That is why I am ruling this way. There is no rule either way. If the presiding officer will...whoever the presiding officer is, the presiding officer makes a decision whether to go with it at that time. I made the decision this morning on the basis that there is no opportunity on the agenda today to take this matter up today and I thought we ought to take it up while we are talking about it. So that is my decision.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Okay. All right, any further discussion? Senator Warner, do you wish to say anything further? Motion then is to adopt the amendment which was discussed a little while ago. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes and the amendment is adopted. Okay, now Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that 319 be re-advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Motion to readvance. Senator Chambers, is it to discuss the matter of the motion to advance?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, since this bill is now on Select File, it cannot be amended in any other way at this point because it was returned for this specific amendment and nothing else can be done with it. But what I wish you would do is consider holding it here long enough, and it might just be a day, to consider the justice and equity of paying these inmates at the same rate that other employees on the same job would be paid for doing the same work. Suppose you have a situation where a union is involved, and you bring in cut-rate labor, the union may object to