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LB 833

interesting discussion. I can't stay out of it. Where Senator Keyes is talking about a dollar a hundred and if potatoes ever get to a dollar a hundred you are sure going to need all the help you can get to promote them, but you talk about it being a consumer bill that is going to cost the consumer. Do you realize how much the consumer has gained by the research and new varieties of all kinds of food products and especially potatoes? That is the best money that has ever been spent as far as the consumer is concerned because where we used to get four or five hundred bushels per acre they get seven, eight, nine hundred bushels per acre. The potatoes are a much better quality than they used to be. Really the consumer should be paying the bill but he is not. The potato grower pays the bill. This is just one of the examples of what the checkoff does. Don't tell me it is a consumer cost. It is an advantage to the consumer because of the better product. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 833 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the advancement of 833 to E & R for review. The next bill, the introducer has asked that we pass over it and we will then move to LB 800. I propose to keep going until we finish the page. Those of you who need to be excused over the noon hour, we would appreciate it if you would record that up here and then record your presence when you come back and I would like to try to keep going until we complete this page. So I alert you ahead of time. I don't know whether I will win my argument or not but I have to try. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. We now go to LB 800. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, there is a bill in Congress that is doing just the opposite of what we are doing in this bill so I think we should pass this over until we find out what Congress is going to do in this area. But it is important that we pass this bill this session so I would like to reserve a spot before too late in March, probably the first week in March or so.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, do you want to advance the bill?

SENATOR MARESH: No, we want to just pass it over until we find out what Congress does. Okay?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, if you will send it up, just write out a note and send it up to the Clerk. I would alert you