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LB 637

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to LB 637, first of all.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I move the E & R amendments to LB 637.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You move the E & R amendments to 637. All in favor of adoption of the E & R amendments to 637 say aye, opposed no. Motion carried. The E & R amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend the bill and his amendment is on page 104 of the Journal.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, won't take a lot of time. I won't even offer the amendment unless Senator Maresh wants it because the amendment guts the bill. The amendment simply says if you are going to get the state into the bonding business with respect to alcohol or gasohol, whatever you want to call it these days, that the state isn't going to go out and be guaranteeing loans of municipalities or private corporations or things they don't have control over. If they are going to do it at all, it has to, first of all, be only the state dealing with the state, something we have total control over, number one. Number two, of course, it would have to come back to the Legislature after a vote of the people. As a practical matter, I don't see this as a very viable option in any near term thing on gasohol because, first of all, you have to pass the amendment. Second of all, you'd have to have a program, come back to the Legislature, you are looking at three or four years before you really did anything. I think if the state is going to do this, if they do it, they should be dealing with strictly themselves and not out guaranteeing bonds for somewhere else. As I say, I will only offer the amendment if Senator Maresh has no objections. If he does, I will pull it off.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Senator DeCamp being so cooperative but I wonder if we don't need this local input to have the communities get involved to provide the site and to have local interest that they do want this plant there, that they have no problems with the plant locating there. If we would push this on the people, maybe they wouldn't appreciate this. So I think it is important that we have local input. I wonder if St. Paul wouldn't be benefited by this bill where they are that far along,