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LB 905

CLERK: 22 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I just want to take this opportunity to explain to the members of the body the importance of the committee system. I know it is going to be very hard not to vote to advance this bill as well lobbied as it has been. It has been one of those bills where individual lobbyists can turn, grabs everybody in the halls and reminds them in their offices and all that sort of stuff and that is very difficult to deal with, especially for a measley \$309,000 but I would urge this body and I would remind the chairman of the Exec Board and those members of the Executive Board that this still is a bad bill even though many of you will choose or maybe, in fact, cannot vote against it but in the future if you could route these bills through the Revenue Committee we will be more than happy to try to continue to do the job that is necessary and that is to kill these bills where they ought to be killed and thereby avoid for this body the tough decisions of angering an industry as powerful as the insurance industry. With that in mind I urge that you do not advance the bill. It is a bad precedent. We ought to kill this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I wasn't going to speak on 905 but I have been through this issue of reference and I think that it is like the little boy with the bat and ball. If you don't get your way well you can take the bat and ball and go home and the game is over. I sat here the other day and I listened to Senator Carsten explain the fact that he had been a part of the council in making the determination where LB 905 should be referred and as the chairman of the Revenue Committee he agreed that this properly should be in insurance committee and so therefore for us to argue today and to be somewhat upset because we didn't get our way I think is immaterial. The point is this body in its wisdom is going to make a determination on 905, that for us to whip the Reference Committee and frankly I have been quite happy with the Reference Committee this year and I want to give them some credit for this but, Senator Newell, if you get upset, I'll always remember the yellow bus bill here a year or so ago. It came through the Education Committee and suddenly it was rereferred to the Judiciary Committee so if I want to keep my anger forever, I can always keep it and really isn't going to hurt the other forty-eight members of this body. I suggest that we move 905 to E & R initial. Even though I have used my time to move the previous question, Mr. Speaker, I will defer that to someone else.

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