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LB 717

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. Motion carried. The E & R amendments to 717 are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely now moves to amend 717 and his amendments are on page 1211 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I know it is getting late so I will try and be very brief. This amendment was brought to me by Senator Kelly. I had been involved in the drafting and introduction of LB 717 and as a member of Public Works Committee, heard this amendment to another bill that was brought before us. That bill was killed. We had amended the bill to include this amendment but that, as I said, that bill was killed and so although we felt in the Public Works Committee, and I have discussed this with the other committee members, that this was a good amendment and a one that we should adopt in the Legislature. We weren't able to use that bill to accomplish that goal. So Senator Kelly, keeping on top of the situation, saw that LB 717 had the sections in the law that would be appropriate to further amend the bill to include that original amendment which was brought to the Public Works Committee. So let me summarize very briefly. The amendment would basically allow for individuals or businesses who own vehicles totalling five or more to register those vehicles at their convenience at a certain period. For instance, if they would have five trucks for instance in a construction company or a telephone company or some sort of business and those trucks were bought in January and March and July and September and October and December, they could say well, look, that is going to be a lot of trouble to try and register because now we are on a yearly registration that is not tied to January and February but is, in fact, throughout the calendar year. It makes it very difficult to register when you have a number of vehicles to keep up with it all. So this would be a convenience for businesses and for individuals with a large number of vehicles and is an amendment which was heard by the committee and was supported by the county officials we have talked to. They feel they can live with the administrative changes made here and it is supported by a number of individuals who would like to see this change made. I believe it is an important amendment but it is not one that should be very controversial and we should be able to act on it very shortly so I urge your support for the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to adopt the Wesely amendment to 717. Is there any further discussion? Senator Cullan.

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