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LB 795

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to oppose the advancement of 795. I am going to be very brief. 795 is an exemption. It seems like every time we deal with tax law in this state we never add anything to the tax rolls. We are always exempt. There is some justification for the argument of continuity. If the railroads are exempted, therefore, anybody who leases a grain car ought to be exempted also and that argument is one that is hard to deal with. There are people that will be getting an exemption, that will be making substantial profits and the way the committee amendments read they allowed for not only grain cars, because we have an agricultural problem in this state of getting grain to market and it would if we could expedite that, increase the price of grain which is a laudable and very deserving goal, but we are also exempting other people in the process with the committee amendments, where anybody who will lease these kind of cars and basically it is the same kind of a problem that we've always been into and that is we exempt. We don't add to the tax rolls. We could create equality by adding common carriers to the tax rolls instead of exempting these. We won't. Industry is very powerful. Agricultural interests supporting this are powerful and their points are well taken and with that I urge the opposition to 795 knowing that it will not be forthcoming.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to...oh, I'm sorry, Senator Koch, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR KOCH: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 795 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.