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LB 722

Warner amendment to LB 722. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the second Warner amendment to LB 722. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is adopted....the amendment is adopted. Next.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis now moves to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am moving to amend LB 722 by placing into LB 722 the language that allows CAPS, community action programs, and other nonprofit organizations to operate a not-for-profit public mass transit program...usually the senior bus, the handy bus kind of situation. This language is in LB 361. It is not in LB 722, and having had some assistance in the LB 361 fight, I felt it a matter of honor and also a matter of the superior public policy to offer this language to the body on LB 722. If you will recall, Senator Warner moved and had amended in language consistent with my first offering on mass transportation. It is not language that includes anything about the CAPS. It does allow for money to be drawn from the gas tax revenues to the public transportation fund to fully fund the public transportation fund. This would extend to not-for-profit organizations the ability to apply for public transportation funds. This, in effect, is the language of LB 704. It is, in effect, language that supports rural interests, and I introduce it by the surprising, I suppose, posture because I think it is the superior public policy that we allow for the expansion of mass transit situations in rural areas for community action programs for the senior buses and the handy buses. If you take a look at the amendments which are being passed out to you, there is a variety of language, but the real nugget of the language is on page 2 in the definition of public purpose organization, and also on page...well, I guess actually page 2 is the most important language. There is some language at the end which Senator Johnson suggested on receiving the comments of counties and cities, but by allowing the public purpose organization as defined in subsection 7 on page 2 in that way and the other references in the amendment, you allow for the CAPS to apply for public

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