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LB 643

643 was in the Public Works Committee. At the point in time that it was agreed to move 643 out of the Public Works Committee, there was an agreement by several parties to take portions of LB 984, Senator Schmit's bill, portions of 830, the Public Works Committee bill, and to put them altogether as committee amendments to LB 643. Those committee amendments were never adopted, but these are again with one deletion, with one major deletion, the Public Works Committee amendments. It seems to me that given the history of the bill, it is quite clear that these amendments have been considered a part of this bill ever since the time that it emerged from the Public Works Committee. There is nothing new. There is nothing irrelevant or nongermane about it. They have been a part of this bill. They have been a part of everybody's consciousness with regard...in the water area since the time they emerged from the Public Works Committee, and I believe that given that history, it is germane.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you want to....I am having a little trouble seeing you, but, in the first place the Chair is asked to make a ruling on a 26....okay, nobody wants to hear, so I will just talk to Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I might add, I have no idea what is in that bill. I don't even have a copy and I find out there are not copies available. You tell me what is in it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think the bill goes to the sections, but I also think that it does something even more significant than that in that it guts the bill. I think the principle of gutting legislation, I have passed against these kind of actions for months and I will continue to whether I am overruled or not. So the Chair indicates that the procedure, while it may appear germane, has some aspects to it that as far as I am concerned do not hold up under scrutiny. This is all I can do and say when you throw a 26-page amendment at me. Anybody that can do better than that, go to it. Yes, I am ruling the amendment out of order. Senator Beutler, do you want to challenge the Chair? Pardon? Okay. What is the next motion?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill. Senator Schmit, I have your amendments yet. You no longer want them? Okay.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to advance the bill?