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We elect those people and I think for us to say we want to give it to the Attorney General because maybe a couple words have not been to our liking in propositions is folly. We should maintain this. It is a privilege for us to word it. We debate it. Our intent is here and if the Executive Board has a question on wording, they can seek the advice and counsel of the Attorney General. They can seek it but we don't have to give it to him to make the determination because we have no choice then and as far as the members of this body are concerned, I only advise you. If we want to give away or erode our powers further than what we do right here, is vote to maintain the present language of the bill. If we want to maintain our privilege and our power, then you support my amendment because I think that is where it should rest, with us. We are the authors of propositions, therefore, we should have the right to put them in words we think are correct and appropriate and fair to the public regardless of what side of the issue we are on in terms of constitutional amendments. I ask for the adoption of my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Koch amendment. All those in favor of adopting that amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of Senator Koch's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Senator Kahle, do you want to move the bill?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I move LB 446 as amended to E & R initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. A record vote has been requested. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 995 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have some other items on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Lowell Johnson requests, asks to be excused tomorrow.

Mr. President, I have certain gubernatorial appointments from the Governor. (See page 996 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Sieck asks unanimous consent to add his name to 423 as cointroducer.