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LB 241

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 241.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment from Senator Koch. The amendment would read as follows: (Read Koch amendment found on page 1484, Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Koch.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I have had some problems with this piece of legislation since its inception on the floor for debate in terms of how we are going to arrive at a fair price for those who own the signs as opposed to those who are responsible for changing the directions of the city in terms of conforming and nonconforming uses. The Department of Highways presently deal with signs in many different ways and at many different times. I asked the Department of Highways to send to me their schedule on how they deal with signs and how they arrive at a fair value for replacement. I have received that and they have many categories. So what I am simply saying is that in our municipalities when this occurs that we shall use those guidelines as developed by the State Department of Roads in terms of how we arrive at a fair price for both sides. I ask for the adoption of the amendment. It is only a guide. It's not total, that they should use that as a guide in establishing the fair value for both parties.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman. We are on 241.

SENATOR HABERMAN: You say...I move the adoption of the amendments. Okay, did he move the adoption then? Okay. Then I have nothing to say.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I did sit down with Senator Koch and have looked at the information he received. It parallels what we were trying to do with the bill in the first place. We set up a number of criteria that would have to be used in terms of establishing the reimbursement for these different signs that would be taken down and, in fact, we did use the model of the State Roads Department and the schedule they now use so what Senator Koch is trying to do here I think is a more obvious attempt to try and parallel what we are already doing at the state level. I would like to emphasize that