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LB 352

SENATOR CLARK: You all heard that motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed nay. The bill is advanced. LB 352.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that, Senator Cullan would like to print amendments to LB 95 and Senator Dworak to LB 552. (See page 2270 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 352 has a series of amendments. First we have E & R amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendments to LB 352.

SENATOR CLARK: You all heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senators DeCamp and Beutler. I have a note that they wish to withdraw those. Is that right, Senator?

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Koch.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, LB 352, if you don't remember is to repeal the 7% lid and when we moved that bill there were twenty-seven or twenty-eight votes. However, in watching the voting this session I realize that a number of those might have been sympathy votes but not hard votes in terms of politics. There has been a considerable amount of negotiating going on. First of all, the Governor said when we went over to see him a number of weeks ago, you better have thirty votes and obviously the Governor is prevailing and so to continue to try to win that battle is not very beneficial. And for us to take any other amendment above 7% is not beneficial either and let me say to you very quickly how I arrived at the decision and why this amendment is important. All the amendment does is it keeps the 7% and inserts in lieu of there one statement. "Receipts from federal tax sources shall mean funds received by a political subdivision from the federal government for use for general and noncategorical purposes." Now that is the only thing realistic that we can do because subdivisions of government are on notice right now that they are going to lose federal dollars and if we don't try to help them overcome that blow, then it is going to count against them 7% wise when 4 was a part of their operational funds and they have no way to replace them. There is only one way they can replace them right now, either all of them or part of them, or none of them and that is to repeal their programs locally, dismantle them or whatever they want to do or allow them to try to raise some money from