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LB 403, 229

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Now what would you like to do with the amendments?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I move the bill be advanced. I pretty much made my remarks concerning the bill when I dealt with the committee amendments. If any members have any questions I will be glad to take them up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill as explained by Senator Johnson. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried and the bill is advanced. Senator Clark, are you ready for 229?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 229 (read title). The bill was read on January 16, referred to Public Works Committee for public hearing last year. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is kind of a simple bill and I will explain really what it does. If someone is living in one telephone exchange, and we have forty-three of them in Nebraska, and they want to go to another exchange, they go to the Public Service Commission and said, "I have inadequate service because I have to make a toll call to another exchange", what this bill says is that making a toll call is not inadequate service. As long as your telephone is working, it is not inadequate service. The Public Service Commission has always stated that that is not inadequate service. However, this is to clarify a court action that it is not inadequate service just because you have to belong to another exchange. There are circumstances where the telephone regulatory body, which is the PSC, will allow you to go to another exchange if it is agreeable with both exchanges. But you can see the mess we would have in Nebraska if they would just arbitrarily go from one exchange to another. The telephone companies are set up to where the installer of that telephone may have spent eight, ten, fifteen thousand dollars installing the telephone and then they would have to go to another exchange, it would not be fair. So I would move that 229 be advanced to E & R.