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LB 764

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Beyer, I will attempt to answer the question by saying, yes, the committee did fully consider the recommendations made by the Motor Carriers Association. The committee felt that LB 764 would include within the scope of the bill itself self-employed persons such as independent contractors, in the case of the Motor Carriers, sometimes called owners and operators. Also the committee felt very strongly that the provisions of LB 764 should not impose employer obligations on the recipients of those services of those independent contractors, specifically, for example, other obligations meaning social security tax, unemployment, withholding tax and that type of thing. So specifically the committee did consider it. The committee also consulted the workmen's compensation court in an effort to help draft the bill. The court agreed with the position of the Motor Carriers organization. The court also felt as the committee felt that these recommendations were incorporated within the provisions of LB 764 at the present time. The amendments were not necessary. So the legislative intent is that independent contractors, and more specifically if that is what you are asking, owners and operators of motor carriers are to be included within the scope of LB 764. We considered it. We felt that it wasn't necessary but it is our intent that they be included, yes.

SENATOR BEYER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we advance LB 764.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. Motion is carried. Senator Kilgarin, the E & R amendments.