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LB 952, 743

CLERK: Senator Wiitala voting yes. Senator R. Peterson voting yes.

PRESIDENT: All of you register your presence so we do know who is here.

CLERK: Senator Cope voting no.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, Senator Warner, will you put the green lights on so we know who is here and who isn't.

CLERK: Senator Warner changing from no to yes.

PRESIDENT: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 952 is advanced to E & R for Engrossment. We will go on to the next bill then, LB 743.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no E & R amendments to the bill. I do have an amendment from Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner for amendments on LB 743.

SENATOR WARNER: Which one do you have, Pat?

CLERK: It is the first one, Senator (read amendment).

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, what this amendment. . . LB 743 deals with the green belt. You will recall the definition of the land that can qualify is changed and land that can be used commercially and for industrial purposes would not qualify. What this amendment does, it makes sure that any property that became disqualified that currently is receiving the greenbelt reduction in their property tax that they are disqualified by the passage of the act but then they are not also subject to the back taxes that would have been due, or the taxes that would have been due because. . . had they not received the exemption. It is simple equity, it would be done in good faith, they complied with the law, there would be no justice to go back and expect them to pay taxes if they do become disqualified or can not qualify, when they were legal, at least they had done what they thought was legal in the first place. So, that is the purpose of the amendment to ensure that those presently qualified are not penalized if they no longer qualify for greenbelt after the date the law becomes effective which will not be until January 1 of next year. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Warner amendment, the first Warner amendment. If not, Senator Warner, we will