

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return 705 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a friendly amendment. 705 is the bill that creates a council, the purpose of which is to coordinate activities on the Missouri River relating primarily to natural resources activity. And it authorizes this new Missouri Basin Natural Resources Council to establish offices. What it does not do is designate a lead agency to be responsible for the implementation of the act and so what my amendment does is basically it says...well, it says specifically it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds authorized by this section shall be appropriated to the Governor who shall be responsible for the implementation of this act. I indicated to Senator Pappas that I had some bad experiences in the past with a particular situation where no agency was made responsible by the Legislature and consequently nothing got done. And so he is allowing me to indicate in this case, and I think it is his preference that the Governor's office be responsible for administering this particular act. I would ask that the bill be returned.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the bill be returned? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is returned. Senator Beutler. Just a moment, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Microphone not on)...just questions, if she has any. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the motion is...the question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Senator Beutler.