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LB 778, 909

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, do you want to move to advance the bill?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move that LB 909 be advanced to E & R for Engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 909 from Select File. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. LB 778.

CLERK: Mr. President, 778 is on Select File. I have no E & R amendments. The first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Warner. Senator Warner, this is the amendment 2364, Senator, AM2364.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Is that several pages?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill, you will recall, Senator Rupp's, Senator Schmit's, was one that they had introduced changing the vote requirement on the Natural Resource Commission relative to the review that current statutes provide for the director to make on projects which, as I recall, the current law was virtually unanimous consent and their proposal is to make it a simple majority. I actually have two amendments up there. The first one would incorporate the contents which are in LB 920 and 920 would return the selection of the director of the Natural Resource Commission to be selected by the commission as it was a few years ago and then it would retain the provision of a simple majority to overrule the director in the case there was a dispute as indicated by the bill that Senator Rupp and Senator Schmit originally were working with. The concept of a simple majority is perfectly acceptable if the director is hired by the commission. There would be no point in having a super majority to overrule the director if the commissioners had the authority to hire and fire by simple majority. There is no logic to requiring a super majority to overrule the decision. So I would urge the adoption of this amendment. LB 920 was advanced from the committee. It is on General File. There is a number of people who are interested in the NRDs that are in support of this amendment which would retain the