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LB 911

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I think I have explained the amendment thoroughly and so at this time I move for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Voting on the Hefner amendment to LB 911. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to move it, Senator?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Motion by Senator Hall to move the bill to be advanced and it is debatable. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I'd like to ask Senator Hefner about another. I mean, I'll make no bones about it, I think this is a serious philosophical mistake we're making right now, but I'm also concerned about a number of very serious drafting errors in this bill. For instance, Senator DeCamp, and I know you're familiar with this problem, Senator DeCamp, the way the bill is structured right now, the way the Liquor Control laws are structured, an extensive background investigation is to be conducted of any applicant before a license is granted or denied. In order to determine fairly basic things, for instance whether he has a prior criminal conviction or whether he is a convicted felon or not, and the way LE 911 is structured right now the local council, the local governing board is going to have to make a decision on whether to grant or deny the license before they have the benefit of that background investigation. So the way the bill is written right now we could have licenses granted to felons because the information is not in, yet the timetable set up in the bill is such that the local governing board has to make a decision. Now, that's just one example. I pointed another one out to Senator Hefner earlier of a number of drafting problems to say nothing of the more general philosophical issues that are involved. I would like to see us take the time to correct some of those problems. That may not be the sentiment of the body, but I think these points should be