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LB 889

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. We are still in session. 1259E, have we taken care of that one? We return now to the list of bills that have been distributed by the Speaker that are with amendments pending and we go to LB 889.

CLERK: Mr. President, 889, the motion I have on that bill is a motion by Senator Vard Johnson to return the bill for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Ah, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a real simple amendment. It is printed on page 2150 of the Journal. It does two things. They are so small I am almost embarrassed that we have it here but that is life. Senator Vickers had an amendment a little while ago about three people signing checks. This is one is coming in from Ray A.C. Johnson, the auditor, who says that he wants us to make provisions under which counties issue checks uniform. Under current law, all checks issued by counties are signed by both the chairman of the county board, and the county clerk except for checks used to pay jurors which are signed only by the county clerk. The result of this requirement is that juror checks cannot be processed with other county checks which are run through a machine which stamps them with the dual signature. Instead juror checks must be pulled and hand processed. This amendment would eliminate the requirement that the county clerk only signs juror checks. Okay? In addition, this amendment does require all local subdivisions to fill out a long form budget though they don't have to publish it, and local divisions have basically agreed to it, but a long form budget when filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts provides a uniform budgeting, a uniform budget that at least folk who want to review all budgets can review and come up with uniform information. That is what it does.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: A question of Senator Johnson. Basically, well, this means that they don't have to publish it in the paper?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: They can publish the short form but they don't have to publish the long form.