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state. They thought it would be much more effective on the condition of alcoholism that we have in the state. And with the...they only had four members, they had trouble getting a quorum to attend the meetings, and they cannot have their required meetings because they just can't get a quorum there at the same time so they think this change in the number and the location that they come from. In addition, the statutes only provide for one member at large and one member from each of the three congressional districts. We feel that this does not provide sufficient grass roots representation to make the at large membership the strong voice for state wide alcoholism that it should be. The recommended legislation increases that at large membership to two and members at large from each of the six comprehensive mental health planning regions. This makes up the membership...this make-up of membership will provide the scope and the depth to the Commission activities to make it truly alcoholism oriented and capable of providing meaningful input to help the Division on Alcoholism meet its statutory responsibility. That is all the explanation I have on this bill. I don't think there should be any opposition. I will ask for it to be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? You have heard the question. The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 721.

CLERK: LB 721 introduced by Senator Stull of the 49th District. Read title. There are Committee amendments by Senator Schmit's Agriculture Committee.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the Committee amendments and apologize for not having my book out here. The Committee amendments, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, refer to the technical portions of the brand law which require identification for disease such as tuberculosis, et cetera, on the branded animal. It allows the branding of those kind of animals and that is all the Committee amendments do. I move the adoption.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 721 is primarily a housekeeping bill but it does increase the brand recording fee. Now for a number of years the fee has been \$5 to renew your brand every four years and this proposes an increase from \$5 to \$15 to renew your brand. Now the reason for this the Brand Committee operates on the fees that they generate. There is no state funds involved and this is putting the assessment on the people that uses the brands to support their organization. They have some seventy-two full time employees and seventy-five part