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LB 601, 743

administered type of statute to identify true agricultural land to qualify for Green Belt assessment. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor of that motion as explained by Senator Warner vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next one is 601.

CLERK: LB 601 offered by Senator Nichol. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6th, referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have no amendments on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advance of 601, and, Senator Nichol, you need to explain your bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill involves the composition of the County Planning Commissions. The members of a County Planning Commission are appointed by the county board and the primary focus of the County Planning Commission is with lands which lie outside of the incorporated areas in the county. When a county board appoints members of the County Planning Commission, current law requires that no more than two of the members serving on the commission shall be from incorporated areas in the county. This bill would strike the requirement that only two members may be from incorporated areas and inserts instead the requirement that a majority of the commission members be from unincorporated areas of the county. The law as it now exists places no limits on the size of County Planning Commissions. City planning commissions, for example, are limited by statute to consist of nine members. When a county forms a planning commission, it could if it wanted have the commission consist of ten, fifteen, twenty members, three, yet only two by law could come from incorporated areas in the county. This bill would provide that whatever size of the County Planning Commission, there could be no more...excuse me, this bill provides that whatever the size of the County Planning Commission, there could be more than two members from incorporated areas. The members who are from unincorporated areas of the county would still remain a numerical majority of the commission