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LB 32, 32A, 594A, 594, 689, 849

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted. Senator Smith, you're recognized for a motion to readvance.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I move the advancement of LB 689 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the motion. The question before the body is the readvancement of LB 689. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. It is readvanced. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 594A, LB 594, LB 32, LB 32A. LB 849, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith, before we begin, you want to withdraw AM1900. Is that right, Senator? Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to return LB 849 to Select File for AM1915. (Legislative Journal page 2338.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on your motion to return to Select File.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This is the bill to adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act. And just to let you know rather bluntly that the Governor was not interested in the state participation of funds and so this amendment merely removes the state's participation and it still gives the optional tool to local governments to implement a program, should they so choose. And we've gone through the entire bill. This amendment will become the bill, and I would certainly be willing to yield time to Senator Hartnett if he would like to add to my remarks.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I simply support the amendment because none of this funding in this program starts until the year 2001. I think we're going to have a study next year to look at funding, look at some foundations