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LB 108

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to cease debate, a motion to cease debate.

SENATOR MARSH: Do I see five hands? I do. The motion is, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Marsh voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting aye.

SENATOR MARSH: Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 15 nays on the motion to cease debate.

SENATOR MARSH: Motion lost. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I voted, Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature, against this motion because I do not want the pernicious idea that we have to wait and have another opportunity to talk about the merits color how we deal with the kill motion. The kill motion is meant to make this the opportunity to talk about LB 108 and now I want to see the champions of LB 108 to stand up and tell me why it is a good bill. Nobody has addressed the merits with the exception of Senator Warner today. Everybody has said, gosh, I can't talk about it. I need to know more information. I want to see that information develop now which is why I voted against the motion to cease debate and I want to see those people who think this is a good idea and who can defend it and who can explain what it does to stand up and do so. This is the opportune time to do it because we are discussing the merits of the bill and my motion indicates that I feel after a careful weighing of this issue, after listening to the debate in the hearing, after reading all of the court cases involved, after examining the issues involved, I think it is a bad bill and I am ready to talk about the merits and I want to see who else is besides Herb Schimek, Rich Bringelson and the people out in the rotunda. Now where are they now? Where are the proponents of LB 108 and I want to hear these arguments because this is the time to consider the merits. Otherwise, if the kill motion is unsuccessful and we talk about this in five days or so, we simply will be spinning our wheels. The moment is now to consider the merits of LB 108 and I want to hear what those merits are. I certainly want Dick Maresh to explain to us the reasons why LB 108 is such a fine bill. There are four votes that brought this bill before the Legislature, Martin Kahle's, Dick Maresh's, Tom Fitzgerald's and John DeCamp's, and if those were the four people who signed the bill and brought it to you, they should explain