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LB 164

What it does is it acknowledges that flexibility in law-making is a high priority and serves a value and, secondly, that local decision makers can be trusted and we honor that trust by recognizing their ability to choose for local matters. I don't think that this creates a serious problem. What I do think creates a problem is when you pass a law that purports to have a local option which, in fact, does not, that the terms of which are so stringent and so inflexible that, in fact, you have a charade in operation when it is called a local option. The purpose of my amendment is to give meaning to the term local option with respect to LB 164, not a concept that I put there but was purported to be there by the introducer and the proponents. I am just simply asking them to prove up and to have a genuine good faith local option instead of one in name only and that is the purpose of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the Landis amendment to LB 164. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Voting on the Landis amendment to LB 164. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? I will call for the vote once more. Have you all voted? Okay, Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 19 nays on the motion, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion fails. The amendment is not adopted. Now the motion now is on the advancement of the bill to E & R for review. Senator Fitzgerald, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, how much more time do we have?

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are about a minus ten minutes.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Are we going to have more time or are you going to cut off?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Okay, I want to get back here in kind of memory lane. I came down here when I was Commander of the VFW in Omaha, Dewey Black Post 3421, I come down here and we are one of the originators of bingo. This dates back, 1958 and 59. I got the original bill. The original bill was 719 and was introduced by Sam Klaver, 6th District, and at the time Governor Brooks was Governor. We did put a bill in the previous year and he vetoed the bill for the