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LB 344

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, it worries me if you get this down too far. I have three small towns with the restaurants approximately that size and they have an awful time trying to keep a restaurant going. The fact is the farmers bought one restaurant out there so they could have a restaurant going. They kicked in their own money just to keep the restaurant open. It is highly important in these small towns that they have some restaurant, and if you try to impose on them they have got to put walls in the restaurant and separate them, I don't know what you are going to do with them. I just can't support the bill at all unless you do have restrictions of 1200 feet. So if you have it I would suggest you refuse the amendment of Wesely's and go ahead with the amendment, then I could support the bill, if I could do it the other way. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you wish to be recognized on the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think that the 800 square feet that has been suggested is a better and more sensible figure than what we have in Senator Maresh's amendment and the reason that I feel this is so, I recall in my first house we had a thousand eight square feet and that house included three bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen. Now we are talking about a small one room cafe and Senator Maresh has designated that it will be serving area only, I think 800 square feet is accommodation that would be acceptable to any of these small restaurants. So I would support the Wesely amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is on the Wesely amendment to the Maresh amendment to LB 344. All those in favor of the Wesely amendment, oh, excuse me, do you have any other comments you wish to make? All those in favor of the Wesely amendment vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Wesely amendment to the Maresh amendment to LB 344. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? One more time, have you all voted? I am going to call the vote.

SENATOR WESELY: How many members are absent?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Five. We have got a list of five? One, is there one now? There is only one absent. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 18 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment.