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LB 418

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any objections? So ordered. What is the status of LB 418?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I move that LB 418 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, is this bill debatable yet?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: I would like to have an opportunity to debate the merits of the bill for a moment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to advance the bill and we can argue on that motion.

SENATOR KOCH: In that case I will oppose the motion to advance for a number of reasons. Senator Goodrich had an indefinite postponement on this bill and I think that would have been a logical decision. The recreational vehicle industry is presently whether you know it or not are under some severe standards at the federal level and I passed out information to each of you on your desks. Now what we are going to do is one more time we are going to take another shot at an industry and we are going to put them under even some greater restrictions. For example, if you look at your bill, presently the RV manufacturers have a federal recall program just like the major automobile dealers of this nation and they have recalled them and they do correct those defects. When I look at this piece of legislation, it looks like we are going to duplicate again an effort that comes from the federal level and we are going to add to it at the local, state level and I would predict to you that this is really not a consumer bill at all. It is probably an indirect way to get at the industry, both domestic and foreign. We look at the State Department of Health. We