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LB 412

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Duis amendment to 412 vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Duis amendment to LB 412. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to adopt, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill has been adopted. Senator Simon, do you wish to speak to the bill?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, I do, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I recognize you.

SENATOR SIMON: I know that we have a tendency on these lazy spring afternoons to, especially when we are moving stuff on Select File, to let stuff just slide across the board and this bill may well be another example of that but I do want to express to the body what LB 412 is. This is the State Office and Programming bill. It is a bill that was voted on by the Government Committee last year to eliminate that office. The Government Committee this year has come in with a different bill and has decided to extend that office by giving it a new name, a new title, a new cloak, taking some of the functions that office has and transferring them to other offices but essentially keeping many of the functions that they currently have. I don't want to take a lot of time on it. The bill has been discussed before. I merely wish to bring your attention to the body that this is the State Office Programming Planning bill. I personally don't believe this office is needed and I am going to vote against it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, do you wish to be recognized on the bill?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would like to remind the members that not only did the Government Committee act on this but the Appropriations Committee spent many many hours as well as the staff of the Appropriations Committee before it was sent to the Government Committee. The Appropriations Committee made recommendations of changing two or three of the offices or two other departments where they would fit better and it was approved by the Appropriations Committee and sent on. I think it has had a lot of debate, a lot of talk and I do think that this should be passed so I certainly am supporting it.