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LB 152

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we'll adopt them first and then... Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak? Okay. The motion at the moment is on the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 152. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We're voting on the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 152. Have you all voted? I'll call once more for the vote and then we'll go under Call. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays on adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Committee amendments are adopted. Do we...are we ready to proceed...what's the next order?

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill offered by Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Clerk, would you mind reading the amendment, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte moves to amend the bill. (Read the Venditte amendment as found on Pages 1561 and 1562 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will certainly be brief on this very issue, but I would hope that you would at least try to understand what the feelings are of the majority of the people of this state when it comes to prostitution, and I don't think that the majority of the people of this state would have supported decriminalizing prostitution as we did here two years ago, when I looked over to Senator Lamb and I said, Senator Lamb, if there were a young lady in your town... I would suspect that most girls who are prostitutes today are young ladies...I said if there was a girl in your town selling herself for whatever the price might be, would his people support the law that we have now as far as the penalty provision? And what is the penalty provision? Well, it's a little piece of paper that says if you're, you know, if you're convicted of prostitution, you're going to be fined a \$100 and you're not even going to jail in the meantime, nor will you go to jail if you have been convicted. I was trying to make the point that a citation...that a citation is no deterrent. Senator Fowler and Senator Lamb have, I think, been probably the people who have tried to incorporate what we call a citation system, or something less than a misdemeanor, in this Legislature. Senator Fowler has been very, very successful in that matter. I spoke