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LB 495

Have you all voted? Voting on the Haberman motion to return LB 495. Senator Haberman we will probably have to have a Call of the House if you want to....there are only seven excused so there is a great number of people have not voted. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, LB 495 is returned. All right, motion, Senator Haberman, the Chair recognizes you for the purpose of making your motion to amend.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I move to adopt my amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, any discussion? Chair recognizes Senator Newell then speaking to the motion to amend.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to oppose the Haberman motion. I do that for a couple of reasons. One, you know I have heard that the cable industry is all upset about the Fowler amendment. I don't exactly know why. They haven't talked to me and it is kind of curious since Miscellaneous Subjects Committee has sponsored this legislation. The...it is interesting to note that when we decided to put this note on I checked with the city of Omaha who has basically asked for this legislation and they said they had no problem with the bill. They basically said that the Fowler amendment was in no way a problem for them and that they would support it. With that in mind I, as the chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, offered this bill, offered this amendment, the Fowler amendment. Or allowed the Fowler amendment to be adopted to the bill. Now the cable industry has not talked to me. They seem to find that there is no real problem, or not enough problem to talk to me about it. I don't know that they have talked to the city of Omaha, whose bill it is, I don't know exactly what the Haberman motion is intended to do but I oppose it. I think that it is only reasonable Senator Haberman should have talked to me, the industry should have talked to me somebody should have talked to me about this legislation. It was agreed to when it was put on and I think that is strong enough reason to keep it on. I have heard no reasons to take it off and if they haven't even got the courtesy to come and talk to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, then they are wrong in their actions today. I thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Simon.