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LB 863

SPEAKER MARVEL: Have you all indicated your presence? We are having the Sergeant at Arms go after some to bring them in.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are still five unaccounted for. Senator Newell, would you indicate your presence, please? We are under Call. Senator Labeledz, Senator Keyes, Senator Chambers. Senator Lamb, do you want to proceed with the roll call? Okay. All legislators please take your seats. We will proceed with the roll call vote and the vote has to do with passing over LB 863. Call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 845 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to lay over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Senator Landis, do you wish to discuss the Beutler amendment to 863?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, move to a vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, do you wish to discuss the Beutler amendment? Senator Lamb, do you have any other comments on the Beutler amendment? Okay, the motion then... Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just make a couple of comments, Mr. Speaker. First of all, remember again the size of what we are talking about. In the fifteen year history of the Power Review Board they have authorized three billion dollars in expenditures, and in the next ten years it is going to be a probable...another three billion dollars. So I don't think it is too much to ask that reasonable criteria be set forth in the application process. I might mention just by way of one example, NPPD's power projections...their needs, power projection needs for the last couple of years have been abysmal. They generally project a high projection and a low projection, and then in between that a most likely projection, and for the last two years they have been below their lowest projection and that is only supposed to happen once very ten years or so, and it has happened the last two years in a row. I am hoping that these criteria will put a little pressure on some of the utilities to sharpen up their act in terms of analysis. So, again, I am willing to work with people on further amendments to these amendments but I hope we can start out by adopting these initial amendments. Thank you.

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