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LB 609, 627

All those in favor of overruling the Speaker's agenda vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Stoney. Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to change the Speaker's order.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. We are on the committee amendments to 627. Is that right?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I think Senator Merz should speak to the committee amendments and ask for the adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the body, we have one amendment here offered by Senator Johnson and I suppose in respect to Senator Johnson we should let him speak on this.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment that the committee adopted regarding 627 is a very simple one. It strikes Section 8 of the bill. Now Section 8 of LB 627 is one that would have required any group petitioning for a lid election to pay the cost of that election. At the request of the bill's introducer, Senator Gerald Koch, and at the request and also given an Attorney General's opinion suggesting the unconstitutionality of that provision and also upon careful consideration of the kinds of issues involved with that question, the committee voted to strike Section 8 from the bill. I at this time would ask the body to approve that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Government Committee's amendments. Is that right, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Is there any discussion on those? All those in favor of the adoption of the Government Committee's amendments to 627 vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.