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LB 110

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, are we on the Beutler amendment now?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The motion before the House is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. We are voting on the Beutler amendment. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't want to take a lot of time on this. Let me just respond to a couple of points. First of all, any time you have a requirement for a vote, of course you have less flexibility in the hands of the administration, and so the question is weighing that decrease in flexibility against the precaution you have...the protection you have when you have an election. Senator Wagner may have a peculiar situation in his district, but don't forget that the law we are passing applies to every NRD across the state. I think that is an important point to be made. Secondly, let me make it clear that you can have this election either at a special election or at a general or primary election, so the cost of the election will not be significant if you choose to have it at a general or primary election. So I don't think the cost argument is a significant argument. With regard to paying rent as opposed to building buildings, I would presume that if the economics are so clear that it will be easy to convince the people that they should be building instead of renting and that is a question that should be put to the people.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LE 110. All those in favor... Senator Beutler had closed. All those in favor of the Beutler amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Beutler amendment to LE 110. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: How many are missing, Mr. Speaker?