

I'm not opposing the bill. This really is, in fact, a technical amendment. The power industry has worked long and hard to come up with this and it will be passed this year, there is no doubt about it. There is no substantial opposition to it that I know of. But I don't see that the high priests of public power should get jittery simply because it is going to be delayed a few days so that the Legislature can technically do what is right. I mean, my gosh, it's our job to pass laws that are technical correct. What I hear the other side saying is, no we don't have time to be technically correct, let's get it into law. Although nobody has indicated what difference three or four more days is going to make, and I don't think it is going to make any at all. I repeat to you that the Department of Water Resources which is presently referenced in the bill has no staff, has no function, has nothing to do with public power, and so it is a complete inanity in the bill to have a reference to them in the bill. So I don't think that anything is going to be hurt by making the bill technically correct and hearing it on Final Reading in a few days. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return the bill to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I ask for a record vote, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 1605 of the Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, you don't want the other one then, is that right? You do want the other one. Okay. Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to return LB 132 to Select File for a specific amendment. The one that reads, insert new section 49? Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there is one philosophic point with regard to LB 132 which has not been discussed yet by the Legislature, and I think it is important that it be discussed however so briefly and it will be briefly because the public power groups who have put this bill together have decided that