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LB 561

SENATOR CLARK: Sergeant at Arms, can you find Senator Kahle and Senator Labedz? All we need now is Senator Labedz. She is coming, all right. The Clerk will call the roll. We will have to have a little more quiet so the Clerk can hear. Call the roll.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on page 1722 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion carried. The amendment is adopted. Do you have anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I offer this amendment to clarify the legislative intent found on page 21 of LB 561. This refers to the legislative intent as it refers to the Performance and Review Audit Committee who under this bill is to devise precise formats in gathering information from the colleges and universities and technical schools in formulating budget proposals. The difficulty as I see it is that the Performance Review and Audit Committee has not in the past done a very good job of developing the precise formats and so the institutions of a higher learning do not know exactly what is wanted of them and what form it should be filled out. And so my amendment really basically clarifies the language and says that these precise formats shall be established rather than required by a majority vote of the Performance Review and Audit Committee. My amendment really sets a mechanism in place where these formats can be established and done so by a voting procedure and after a hearing, a public hearing with the representatives of these institutions of higher learning. One of the reasons that I offer this amendment too is the fact that there is an increased burden of expense in gathering information and then codifying it so it can fit a format procedure and by offering a public hearing to those parties involved I feel that the institutions that are providing the facts will have a better opportunity to know precisely what they need to do, the cost involved and who will assume the burden of paying those costs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the amendment. What I am about to say has no reflection on Senator Wiitala. This is show down day I guess. It is one I knew in 1976 that was going to come when we first moved into the area of the Legislature trying to get some sense, keep some control over