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LB 570

Dr. Rodgers so I would urge support of Senator Vickers' motion on LB 570 and LB 572. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion now is rerefer the bill from Revenue to Education Committee. This is Senator Vickers' bill. Do you want to close, Senator Vickers?

SENATOR VICKERS: Please. Mr. President, LB 570 first of all, is not my bill but it does deal with an issue that I think needs to be clarified. I think Senator Lamb attempted to clarify it very much and I would just like to expand on that a little bit more. Senator Newell indicated that the Revenue Committee should be the committee dealing with taxation and valuations and raising of revenues in this state and that is absolutely right. I certainly would not argue with that but the fact of the matter is that LB 570 or LB 572, neither one make any difference as far as the amount of dollars generated to be distributed to the schools. It doesn't change the valuation. It doesn't change the in lieu of taxes as far as the dollars taken away from the people of this state. The dollars are going to be there. All that either one of these bills deal with is the distribution of those dollars back to the school districts within this state. It is very similar to like once the amount of funds are generated through the taxes to be put in the state aid formula then the state aid formula itself is handled by the Education Committee and always has been. We do not, as the Education Committee in this Legislature, attempt to dictate to the Revenue Committee how we are going to raise those dollars. All we attempt to do is distribute those dollars and that is what LB 570 and LB 572 both do is distribute dollars already generated. So I cannot stress that too much. We're not changing the amount at all. We're just distributing those dollars and that historically has been handled by the Education Committee and I think should continue to be handled by the Education Committee and I urge this body's help in rerefering LB 570 and LB 572 to the Education Committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the rereferal from Revenue to Education as proposed under LB 570 by Senator Vickers. All those in favor of the Vickers motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I hate to do it but I think we need to do something about the 20 not voting so I will ask for a Call of the House.