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LB 421

Opinion is going to say with the one exception that the Attorney General has been known in the past to tippy-toe around a pending piece of legislation until he gets it over there and we are back from the farm and then he says, well, anyone knows you can't do that, and then they throw the bill in the wastebasket. That has happened to me on a couple of occasions. I do not need any further education in that area and this Attorney General has been very effective in that capacity. So I would hope that you would go ahead and adopt my amendment and readvance the bill, and I would venture to say as Senator Cullan has, in fact, hinted that the Attorney General will say that the action of the Legislature in this capacity is an unauthorized delegation of authority and responsibility by this body to another area. So I would hope that you would adopt the amendment at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to return the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted?

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is returned. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, did you want to take up your amendment? The bill is returned.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I move the amendment be adopted. I would just like to say that the adoption of this amendment and the passage of LB 421 can substantially reduce the cost of health care. I think that is one of the things we are all interested in. LB 421 is a major step in that direction. It requires responsibility on the part of health care providers. It is the first step on a long, long road, and I move that we adopt the amendment, and then I would hope that we would readvance the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the adoption of the Schmit amendment as explained. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.