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LB 706

All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats, record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Landis, do you wish to start to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: Fine, why don't I and then....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS:we can move expeditiously here. In answer to the question by Senator Kahle that it should be done by state law, in fact, it will be, but we cannot move to the enterprise zone concept unless we amend the Constitution. It simply has to be done. We have to have the people give us the authority to make this kind of a law. Ultimately there will be a state law in the event this is passed on by the voters, but it can be accomplished in no other way than by a constitutional amendment. Secondly, we have narrowed the concept of the bill now with the Beutler amendment to only blighted areas, and we can keep the lid on this concept when we envision and turn into state law this constitutional amendment. Lastly, the Reagan Administration supports this concept because it promotes the idea of free enterprise. We have to look towards the future that will have no model cities' money, no community block grant money, and monies that have underwritten at the federal level an urban policy of growth and redevelopment as having dried up will have no tool to promote urban rejuvenation of blighted areas unless this state acts, and that is what LB 706 is. It is the chance to act in the face of declining federal commitment to urban enterprise and that is why this is a timely act and needs to be passed now. With that I will close and move to a vote on LB 706.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill as explained by Senator Landis. All those in favor of that advancement vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of the bill. Five excused. Do you want a record vote, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, and I would like to change from aye to nay for purposes of reconsideration.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record.