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LB 378

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is from Senator DeCamp. It is Request #2647. You will find it in your bill books.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think on this particular day at this particular time nobody is ready to take any major amendments and I would suggest that we get this all done. If there is going to be a major amendment I think it has to come in final, it has to come after enough members have been contacted and informed as to what it is and it has to be done within the realities of what the possible votes are and I've told both sides that and I think that is a realistic approach to this and I think we ought to get on with letting this bill go and dealing with it in one attempt in a coordinated effort on Final Reading. So I am going to withdraw that and would urge everybody to do the same and advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator DeCamp withdraws his amendment. The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Cullan, shall we go ahead with the bill then? We have only those two which we will just have to presume they will get it back on the...if they want them to bring them back after it has gone on ahead.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay. Mr. President, I would move that LB 378 as amended be advanced to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Alright, motion to advance LB 378 to E & R for engrossment. Any further discussion? Senator Wesely, did you wish to further discuss this? Your light is still on.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to just speak very briefly on the motion to advance. As you have seen this morning there have been a number of amendments to this bill which has been very hotly debated on General File. Many amendments have been withdrawn. I think that there is a good reason for that. The reason is that the majority of this membership is not very interested in discussing the issue of health care costs in this state and is not very interested in the idea of amending this bill. And there is a point at which the efforts to try and amend that fall a few votes short each and every time, it becomes not very productive and I guess that is one of the recognitions that we have. That doesn't mean that many of us who are concerned with the bill are giving up. It is just a recognition that on this particular day the votes aren't there and the weather had a part of that but part of it also is the excellent lobbying job that we're seeing outside this chamber, that has led to the fact that we have a majority of members here

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