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LB 408

Senator Hefner, and Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to Government, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Government Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and members, this time I was more wide awake. I'm ready for this one. I don't know if we even need to consider the amendments. Senator Barrett has been talking about we needed to kill more bills, so I don't know if he's going to get up and offer a kill motion on this as soon as we come up or not.

PRESIDENT: Might be all right.

SENATOR BAACK: No, the committee amendments on this bill are quite simple. The committee...we liked the concepts in the bill and we liked a lot of the aspects of the bill. The only change that we wanted to make was the way the bill was originally written. It said that academically gifted students who take part in those academically gifted programs would have been precluded from being in this legislative academy. We wanted to make sure that some of those academically gifted children could take part in this academy also. So this...so the language change in the committee amendments just makes it very, very clear that academically gifted students could participate in this program, they wouldn't be precluded from participating. With that, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, on the bill. Senator Barrett, on these.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I concur with Senator Baack and the committee's desires on this amendment. I hope the body supports it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Did you wish to close, Senator Baack?

SENATOR BAACK: No, I just urge adoption.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I need a little bit of help on the adoption of the committee amendments.