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LB 247

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Scofield amendment to LB 247. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Scofield's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Warner. Senator Warner would move to suspend Rule 7, Section 3(d) to permit consideration of AM1114.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, obviously, this is the request of a rule suspension relative to germaneness of the motion that was discussed just before lunch and, with the ruling of the Chair at that point on germaneness, took the time since then to file the appropriate motion for a rule suspension to permit the discussion. I have no concern that the problem of two subject matter...certainly, the issue is dealing with higher education. It is dealing with specific institutions. The amendment, that if you vote for the rule suspension, that would permit us to discuss is the amendment that reflects LB 160 as amended in the version that is filed, that I indicated prior to lunch. So I would request that the rule suspension be approved in order to really discuss what I think is, and many others feel, is a very basic issue involved in all of this. Obviously, it has been a point of much of the discussions this morning, and I would hope that that opportunity would be provided for a consideration of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to suspend the rules? Senator Withem, followed by Senators Scofield, Chambers, and Wesely.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I want to share with you just a little bit the thinking of the Education Committee and how that relates to my position on the suspension of the rules. In the Education Committee, we heard four bills one day dealing with higher education. We heard LB 247. We heard a bill that would have changed the names of the four colleges in the state college system. We heard just an incredibly well-thought-out piece of legislation brought to us