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LB 78

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Johnson amendment to LB 78. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 78 as amended be advanced to E & R Final.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the motion to advance the bill to E & R Final. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, this is a bill which came to the Transportation Committee introduced by Senator Warner. It has to do with somewhat of an expansion of the powers of the Public Service Commission, and originally there was sort of a three-way argument here between Public Service Commission, the transportation co-ops, and the motor carriers, and the bill, as it stands now, has been agreed to by all of those parties. However, it has been called to my attention that it might be well to read into the record the...I guess the intent of what we have done on this bill, so I would like to read this statement. A portion of the Standing Committee amendment, which was adopted on General File, dealt with new provisions which provide the Public Service Commission with oversight authority over the operation of transportation cooperatives. As was explained on General File, transportation cooperatives is agricultural cooperatives as defined by federal law who join together and form a transportation cooperative and conduct private motor carriage solely for the member cooperative association's benefit. Prior to this bill, transportation cooperatives have not been regulated by the PSC, Public Service Commission. Under the committee amendment, a transportation cooperative does not have to have...does not have to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity to obtain operating authority but must meet specified operating and information filing requirements. One of the requirements provided for in the committee amendment