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LB 95, 258, 280, 289A, 444, 640, 761  
762, 767, 767A, 780

I have a Reference Report referring gubernatorial appointees. Enrollment and Review reports LB 95, LB 280, LB 444, LB 640, LB 762, LB 767, LB 767A, LB 780, all are reported correctly engrossed. Enrollment and Review further reports LB 258 and LB 289A to Select File, Mr. President. (See pages 2364-69 of the Legislative Journal.)

The next amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Kristensen. Senator, I have amendment number 1723, AM1723, Senator.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Clerk, is that the one that is printed on page 2149?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the body, I almost shudder to say this but I think this might be one of the amendments to this bill that shouldn't receive a whole lot of controversy. What it is, and it deals with two things in specifics, most of you have probably been contacted by constituents of Senator Morrissey, myself, or Senator Dierks. You have probably seen people with their frustration levels at their highest, not only on the floor, but in the halls, and certainly within the communities that have been picked as potential host sites for this facility. One of the common themes, at least when I go out and do town hall meetings in those areas, is that there is a lot of tensions, a lot of scared people, a lot of people that have some grave concerns about the future of not only just their own personal lives and their farms and their communities but what is perceived about these farms and communities, and about what sort of image and cloud is going to be cast over them in the future, if they are selected, or the fact that they are just under consideration. I had several people come to me, and in particular a couple of ministers who are doing a lot of good work in that area in terms of counseling, and they have received a rash of people searching for some answers and some consoling, and, if for nothing else, just how to cope with this anxiety. The way we cope in here is we call the question, we take our votes, they are either up or they are down, and we can go on with the issues because we know