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LB 781

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I hate doing this, I'm short two. Now I'm only short one, none. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is returned. To the amendment, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I believe that we have discussed...that's what we were doing this whole time was discussing the amendment. I would only say one thing, and that is as far as the involvement is concerned of all parties, this bill is not a bill that is the League of Municipalities bill. It's a bill that, yes, they helped work on. It's a bill that in my office, my staff, and I have to give a lot of credit, I'm very proud of that young man that was able to draft a bill which we now, by all the things that we've been told by people that have looked at this, is going to be constitutional. There were some changes that we made in the bill, and then what we did was we put that amendment, the amended version out so that those people who have a concern were contacted, the ones that Senator Haberman commented about were contacted. They had an opportunity, and in my understanding there was no problem with it. This concern came after the fact. We passed out to you, the members of the body, the explanatory cover letter and what it would do, and told you that all members of the committee had a copy, and we had some in our office, if others wanted it. The reason that we did it that way was because the Clerk told me it would cost us \$800 to print this in the bill...or in the black book, and we just didn't think that it was...we should spend \$800 to do that, that those who were interested could have it. Since that time, we've had the copies made available, so now you all have one on the floor. I think we've explained the bill. It's just a matter now of how you feel about the issue. And I would ask for your support for LB 781 as amended by this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Senator Elmer, your light is on.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker. This has been circulated through a panel of attorneys who