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LB 837

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 837.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You have heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (See AMO524 on page 936-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I have a short technical amendment. Let me, first of all, remind you that this is the low-level liability bill which adds extra members to the commission for the host state, opens up the open meetings...applies the open meetings law to the commission, and also the open records law, and then broadens our liability protections under the compact. And what this amendment does, it, basically, is not amending the compact. You may recall there are two or three sections of the bill that amend state statutes that relate to the compact, and then there is the compact, itself, and we cannot amend the compact, itself, at this point in the process. But the statutes implementing the compact can be amended, and this short amendment which is on your desk is, basically, just designed to say when the Governor will appoint the nonvoting member that we are adding with these amendments to the compact. And that is the sole intent of the amendment. I would ask for the adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Beutler, are you saying that this language does not need to be adopted by the other states?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right, Senator. This just amends our statute. The State of Nebraska makes...puts into its statutes laws that implement the compact, although we are prohibited from making laws that are contrary to the compact. But we, obviously, make...we've made a number of laws already, Senator, implementing the compact, and this is an amendment to one of those.