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LB 798

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I request that LB 798 be returned from Enrollment and Review final for purposes of an amendment which will be offered by Senator Kristensen. My bill, as you recall, originally made changes in the manner, the method by which a county hospital can make improvements. Senator Kristensen added an amendment to that bill involving limitations of mill levies concerning hospitals and that is the purpose for which the bill is requested to be returned. We're doing this in order to save an extra printing from having it returned from Final Reading.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to this motion? Seeing none, we will vote on the motion to return LB 798. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend by adding the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body, Senator Johnson, first of all, I'd like to thank him for allowing us to bring the bill back. It was his motion to bring it back for this amendment. Last week we had added an amendment to the bill that was dealing with county levy limits and whether a county medical facility would count toward that 50 cent levy limitation. The body saw fit to put that amendment on. After we had that adopted Senator Johnson came to me later in the week and we had some discussions about is it necessary to put this into effect faster than the 90 days which would put it into effect in September, is it better to put that into effect immediately in case there are a couple of counties who were facing that levy problem this year during their time of setting levies, that if we let it go into effect in September, that probably would put some question into doubt. As long as were going to do it, it probably would be better policy if you would make it effective immediately, thus the reason for the emergency clause at this point in time. It would assist those counties