

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

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Landis had amendments printed. I have a note, however, that Senator Landis wishes to withdraw. Madam President, I have nothing further pending to LB 72.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MOORE: I think there is a motion on the bill now.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill. (See page 2792 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President, members, my amendment is hastily drafted but what it does it adds the emergency clause to LB 72. Whether you're for or against the bill, I guess the question is if LB 72 would be passed by this Legislature, it seems appropriate to me that we send it to the people in Boyd County as quickly as possible for their decision because I think most of those folks up there, if I'm not wrong, have already formed an opinion about the vote and the question is, well, then, doesn't that add to make it...you've got to get 30 votes to get an emergency clause passed and 25 to...if you don't want to pass it with 30 votes, that's fine. It will still pass with the necessary 25 and take three months to go into effect. I think my attitude is if you're going to pass this voting provision which I am, obviously, going to argue against, but if you are going to advance it or pass it this year, let's expedite the matter, let's move it along as quickly as possible so that we start the process over as quickly as possible because there is little doubt in my mind that the bill drafted as it is will ensure that there will be a no vote and we'll have to start the deciding process over at that point. So I offer the amendment in good faith, not in an attempt to delay or to derail the bill, but simply to recognize that we'd like to see the process at some point come to a conclusion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Morrissey and Ashford.