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LR 186

would be far better had we had an "either/or" rather than sitting with...if we make this appropriation operable, you're going to have to have 579 enacted, which I don't know if it will be held up by a court case or not, but I don't think that's beyond the realm of possibility, and then we won't have an appro...my suggestion is that you ought to have somebody quick write an amendment that appropriates a like amount to the Secretary of State in the event 579 does not pass, that's all.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any other discussion? Senator Moore, would you like to close?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, the only thing, it's actually my error because when we changed this, it was originally drafted the way Senator Warner wanted it to be, when we changed it to make it contingent upon LR 186 passing, that language was stripped from the bill, stripped from the amendment as drafted, and so I'm in a quandary as to what to do and I apologize for this. Senator Hall would like to have some of my closing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I can kill time as well as anybody. It's probably not Senator Moore's fault. It's really probably mine because I was the one that insisted that the language be contingent upon the passage of 186CA so that there wouldn't be an appropriation to the Secretary of State's Office without the constitutional amendment being passed, and the way it was originally drafted that was not the case. I think both can be incorporated into the bill. The intent that the appropriation not be allowed unless the LR passes and also the issue that Senator Warner correctly raised is dealing with the fact that the passage of LB 579 is not contingent upon the appropriation with regard to the special election. Since it appears that the amendment is in front of the Clerk at this point in time, it looks like Senator Moore can probably take over now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I'd withdraw. I have a substitute amendment and I apologize to the body. As Senator Hall mentioned, when we put the provision in "contingent upon passage of LR 186" we dropped the "either/or" language. With the help of our able Bill Drafting Office, we now have that amendment drafted correctly,