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LB 898

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 898.

SENATOR CONWAY: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. (Beutler amendment appears on page 1155 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a short amendment. It has to do with the duties of the Executive Board and the Chairman of the Executive Board. It's a little amendment that I discussed with Senator Warner. And basically what it says is this, it's being passed out to you, but it's short and I can read it. It says that they shall prepare, distribute, and update a policy manual for members of the Legislature, period. I think you all are aware that you receive this policy manual that Senator Warner was good enough, and the staff was good enough to put together for us, finally. And I hope you've had a chance to look at it, because it's very helpful, and it keeps us informed on all of the past and present Executive Board decisions. And I think it was a dramatic and a good step forward in terms of keeping us all informed of what goes on on the Executive Board, and what the history of decisions have been, what policies are in force and in effect on so many things that affect us. And this is being done. But the reason that I wanted to put it in statute is because I know from my first years in the Legislature that there have been chairpersons of the Executive Board who thought it was good politics to keep the Legislature uninformed on personnel policies, on everything having to do with the administration of the Legislature because it was used as a political tool in those days. And I'm glad that it's not any more, and I'm glad that it's open and above board. and I think that this policy manual goes a long ways towards making it a professional kind of process. And I simply would like to put that in statute, to be sure that in the future we never revert back to the old way of handling these matters. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Warner,