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LB 712

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would respectfully move to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, you re recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The amendment before us is just that, a rewrite of the bill and I spoke to Senator Matzke about it. It is not an attempt to delay the bill but to bring the issue before us as quickly as possible and I chose the route of adopting or amending the Kristensen amendment. I believe it is germane and I will get that argument out of the way as it relates to the ruling by the Chair, but I do respect the ruling by the Chair as well. What I will do is this because I believe that this issue has to jump to the front because as you well know there are a number of amendments that are filed on this proposal and they will be dealt with in the order that they are filed. It was not an option for me to find an amendment where I could substitute. That was not available to have this issue before us. What I would prefer to do rather than have the vote on whether or not to overrule the Chair because of the ability to hide behind the veil of precedent for purposes of the vote not...in no relation to how the Chair ruled, I will accept that though I guess as a barometer by which to deal with this amendment today. That does not mean to say that the amendment will not come back at some point in time, but what I would like to do is to have the vote on overruling the Chair be a question as to whether or not we address this amendment at this point in time. If it isn't, if it fails I'll accept that and I'll file the amendment in the order behind a number of other issues. The fact of the matter is, as you well know, once that happens, the possibility of this issue being addressed after 712 has been worked and reworked and modified will be very slight at best. That was the reason for taking this approach and it's the...it was not an attempt on my part to do, to spend a lot of time on this amendment with regard to having it adopted via the Kristensen amendment if the body chose to do that. Then we would have it before us and we could address the issue in its entirety. We are now in a situation where because of the ruling of the Chair whether you agree or disagree with it, we've got to take this step first and if the...and maybe that's better, Mr. Speaker, and in light of the time frame that we're working under and the fact we have to switch over at two o'clock to consent calendar. But with that,