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LB 646, 871

SENATOR HALL: Withdraw that as well, Mr. Clerk. Thank you, Senator Elmer. Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Elmer, you have the option to take it up or not. What is your pleasure?

SENATOR ELMER: Let's lay it over, please.

SENATOR HALL: The bill is laid over. Thank you very much. Next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk, is IB 646. These are the times that try men's souls, especially the Clerk's.

CLERK: Mr. President, 646, E & R amendments are the first thing that I have.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Maurstad, on the E & R amendments.

CLERK: E & R amendments on 646, Senator.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Oh, I'm sorry. I move to adopt the E & R amendments on 646.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

CLERK: AM1564, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment which would abolish the death penalty. The fact that this bill is before us, because of the cost of certain counties having to defend or prosecute cases where a capital offense has been committed and the death penalty is a possibility, because that is the reason for this bill, much of the need for the money in this bill can be done away with by the adoption of this amendment. A tremendous amount of the court's time is taken dealing with death cases. The amount of money