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LB 189

Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote in reverse order.) 28 ayes, 15 nays on the motion to return.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 189. LB 189 returns to Select File. Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, the amendment has been explained so I will state it again, but if you have questions I will answer them. Under the way 189 was presented to us an additional judge was added to this commission. What this amendment that we returned the bill for would do is to add another citizen, and Senator Pirsch asked me a question which I had not answered in speaking, where will this additional citizen come from since the other six come one each from each of the six judicial districts? This would be an at-large individual which means this person could be appointed by the Governor from anywhere in the state. He wouldn't or she would not be confined to one judicial district. That is what the amendment would do. I would ask that you adopt it and the other amendment that I would offer after this one would say...well I'll wait till we get to it but it relates to a representative sampling of lawyers who would be talked to when a vacancy exists instead of the bill just saying the judges will talk, or whoever it is, will talk to the lawyers as appropriate or something like that which might mean they wouldn't talk to any lawyers at all. But anyway, that would be the only other amendment that I would offer. But this one deals only with adding that additional citizen to this commission to which an additional judge will be added by 189.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no discussion, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close? The question before you is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 189. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is adopted. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I move that LB 189E be readvanced.