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LB 750

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please check in. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Landis, please proceed.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper passed out for you a memo about the life history of the bill that I am offering as an amendment 4332. It is not an unprecedented but not a common phenomenon to do what I'm offering to do in this case. I've made every attempt I can to work out the differences that are there. And Senator Lindsay and David Begley, Jim Cavanaugh have a set of interests I've not been able to accommodate. The offer that I have made is to put off the effective date of this act until March 1 of 1997, to give Mr. Begley a chance for his start-up costs and the like. But understand, the brewpub bill takes away no rights from any existing licenseholder, it takes no rights away from Mr. Begley, it does grant rights to a group of small businesses that are succeeding but are now bumping up against some limits that keep them from expanding more. These are industries that don't require big tax breaks, they're industries that hire lots of local people, they are manufacturers. Every one of these brewpubs has to spend about a half a million dollars to put that pub in place. It can go up as high as \$4 million in the case of the operation in Columbus. We want these homegrown businesses to grow. I would ask for the body's indulgence by suspending the rules, allowing us to take this up. I will be as careful as I can with the use of your time. Let me tell you that I'll do my best to make an opening and no other time, with the exception to use the closing to answer unanswered questions. But beyond that, the debate will not be mine, it will be somebody else's to carry forward, so we can dispatch this in a timely fashion. With that, Madam President, if we can account for our one not voting, we can proceed to a machine vote.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question before you is the motion to suspend the rules on LB 750. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 6 nays to suspend the germaneness rule.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Germaneness is suspended. We now turn to a discussion of...excuse me, Mr. Clerk. I raise the call. We turn to a discussion of the Landis amendment. Senator Landis.