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LB 596, 608, 608A, 622, 626, 626A, 720, 790

SPEAKER BROMM: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read LB 720 by title.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read title of LB 720.)

SPEAKER BROMM: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 720 pass? All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 2125.) Vote is 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 720 does pass. Members, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 596, LB 608, LB 608A, LB 622, LB 626, and LB 626A. Mr. Clerk, LB 790.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 790, Senator Landis would move to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, you're recognized.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll withdraw this in a moment. It's a chance to give some legislative history. I've been asked about a provision of the bill that says that it's the public policy of the state not to permit double piping by certain entities that are listed in the bill, and to which we have added the word "entity" in addition to natural gas company and municipal operation, and the question is, what does that mean and what's its implication? First, it starts from the idea that it's unwise and bad public policy to be authorizing multiple pipes by essentially competing entities. One of the reasons is you can just connect the pipes up and get access to them. You don't have to lay down two pipes. You just allow access through one. So it's bad...it's bad planning and it's inefficient to have double piping. But by adding the word "entity," the question is, what does that mean? And let me tell you what it's meant to mean. It's meant to mean that it applies to those entities