

February 10 2011 update

The debate in the House has resulted in the referral to the House Judiciary Committee for an expedited hearing and quick return to the House for vote.

The entire debate on the issue lasted about a half hour. Rep. Don Tripp did a great job answering questions. A couple of Representatives from areas that have co-ops that elect their trustees at district meetings seemed confused or desirous of confusing house members. Rep. Tripp calmly and patiently explained that the Bill would simply enable co-ops to amend their by-laws to allow voting by mail. Another representative objected to Lines 15 and 16 and wanted a legal ruling on the implication of the sentence contained on those lines. At this point, the Bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. This Committee meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Room 309 (third floor of the Roundhouse). Expedited hearing means either tomorrow or this coming Monday.