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LB 463, 26, 369

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. Whatever is left from our Call of the House is now lifted but it is difficult to proceed without a quorum on the floor. Do you have anything on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: One item, Mr. President, Senator Newell would like to print amendments to LB 26 in the Journal. (See page 1179 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, are we ready, Senator Landis, for 369?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 369 does two things. It establishes a potential for blanket bonding of county employees and deputies in offices. Currently there have to be separate bonds for each of these people which means a lot more red tape and higher costs. We've had several counties give testimony in the Government Committee that this would save them several thousands of dollars to be able to have a blanket bond. Secondly, it raises the bond of certain constitutional officers from figures that were set decades ago to more appropriately reflect the amounts of money that pass through their office. Generally speaking, this is \$100,000 for most of the constitutional officers with exception of the state treasurer which is much higher and that is at a million. There are drafting errors that are corrected by the committee amendments and the most substantive of these is to remove county judges and Clerks of County Courts from the list of county officers affected because they are no longer county officers. They are covered elsewhere in the statutes and they are now part of the state's system of personnel. They are covered under the state bonding provisions. Those are the committee amendments. I move their adoption, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 369. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 369. The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to 369, LB 369. May we have the cooperation of everyone on the floor of those who wish to vote? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Now the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill was brought to us by the County Officials Association. It also has the imprimatur of our state risk manager and I sufficiently explained the purposes of the bill in explaining the committee amendments. The blanket bond