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LB 264

Senator Goodrich and other members of the Appropriations Committee. (Read Title) The bill was first read on January 14th, referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments to LB 498...264. Committee amendment to 264. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President the committee amendments will become the bill and they, the . . . Clerk you say they are on page 1312 and 1313 of the Journal or in your Billbook. The committee amendment, again, this is part of what I indicated the other day where we needed to reshuffle some of the things that were contained in the bill to be sure to comply with one subject matter in a bill and so the committee amendment strikes all the original sections to LB 264 and has these three changes in them. First it would repeal the current law that permits compensation for animals destroyed because of quarantine, their branding and so forth, the rationale for doing it is that the amount is so minimal that it can hardly be considered significant, it is \$7.50 for a unregistered animal and \$15 for a registered animal. Currently or last year we appropriated approximately \$9,000 to be used for this. In addition when we had the special session this was one of the areas that the Department of Agriculture indicated as a possible cut suggestion and it really wasn't all that significant any more in terms of what the reimbursement is. The second thing I mentioned earlier in discussing the fee bill, it is the repeal of a oil inspection law for fuel samples that has been on the books for some years. We currently were spending around \$20,000 a year by contract for those sample tests and there has been no evidence of any sufficient consumer protection from those tests that you could justify the cost. Plus there are other tests required on those fuels that this in essence became a duplication. The other amendment is a relative minor one it is a \$2,000 expenditure that has been authorized by law for open class premiums at the state fair since, the mind of man runneth not to the contrary, and the total premiums paid for this at the fair is \$129,000 and that \$2,000, I suppose was started, that is their own funds, that is not state funds. I assume that that \$2,000 was started back in the 1800's sometime and it has just been continued and we still don't need to continue that. So I move adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee