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LB 319

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Barrett amendment. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have a roll call vote please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All those in favor of the Barrett amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Go ahead with your roll call, pardon me.

CLERK: Roll call vote taken. 18 ayes, 22 nays, 1 present and not voting, 8 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1467 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Barrett amendment fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: There are no other amendments on the bill. Senator Sieck, did you wish to speak to the bill? Senator Chambers?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I do like to speak on the bill. It seems like we argued considerable on the Donnelley amendment, when actually the bill number, LB 319, the original intent was to help the trucking industry. I want to remind you that there is a problem in this area. I have a company in Seward, Nebraska, who is a pretty large outfit, that has private people working for him, private truckers which we call independent truckers and it seems that the Insurance Department felt that they should. . . that the motor carrier should be paying the unemployment for those people. The idea is to clarify the law and this is what 319 does, to state who does pay and that the independent trucker then would pay his own unemployment as well as the motor carrier if he is hiring people, which he is doing, he would pay his portion. What this does is just actually clarify it and I feel that it is a very important bill and don't let the Donnelley amendment erode the bill. Even though I supported the Donnelley, I think it is right and proper because many people are working, that maybe would not be working, if we would delete the Donnelley amendment and that is the reason I supported the Donnelley amendment. I want to encourage you to support the bill and work for its passage. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to talk about the merits of the bill and the demerits of the bill which that amendment has attached to it, but some practical considerations, or one practical