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LB 255

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment just changes the date. Since we introduced the legislation last year we now have to update or extend the date by one year from...effective with the current year as opposed to last year. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak? Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Howard Peterson.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the amendment? If not, all those in favor of adopting the amendment to LB 255 vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the amendment to LB 255. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Goodrich's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, the bill, LB 255, is a bill to fund a program that we started back in 1978. It was the State Scholarship Program by which we can actually make college available to a number of youngsters in the State of Nebraska who are not able to make it financially on their own. Remember, those of you that were here will recall that back in 1978 we actually passed the program, set it up in other words. It was immediately, as we anticipated, challenged and in 1981 the Supreme Court determined that the program we set up back in '78 was valid. Now the purpose of this particular legislation is to start funding that particular program or making money available for it. We have had a discussion of this particular bill in the Budget Committee and Senator Warner, who I don't see here right now, is supposed to be here and speak in favor of it too. But anyhow what it boils down to is we are going to make funds available so that the committee running this program for us can in turn make those funds available to the individual students who in turn can