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LB 471, 516

Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. LB 516.

CLERK: Mr. President, 516 introduced by Senator...well, it was Senator Doyle, Senator Labeledz and Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was read last year, Mr. President. It was referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are Government Committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, we are in that portion of the agenda that was a very productive Executive Session by the Government Committee and we have got a slew of Government Committee bills here that we heard. This one was brought to us by Senator Doyle. It is the reaffirmation of the Board of Professional Engineers and Architects. Their sunset has run out and you will recall last year we permitted these boards to operate one more year. But, in fact the sunset has run out on the Engineers and Architects. If we do not pass 516, there is no mechanism for enforcement of the professional standards for engineers and architects. So maybe we want to pass this bill. The committee amendments strike a number of provisions that were brought to us by the engineers. What happened was the Board of the...the Sunset Board suggested the end of this and the umbrella approach of two or three other boards. The committee rejected that but our only other vehicle was this one and this one was a Christmas tree for the engineers. We struck, for example, their very extensive code of practice. No place in the Nebraska statutes do we have the code of practices of professions listed in statute. We give those responsibilities to boards to carry out by rules and regs. Otherwise, we would be passing very minute code of practices changes on the floor for every industry under the sun. Secondly, the engineers wanted to keep the answers to their questions confidential from the test takers. Well, we struck that provision so that they have to share the information with people that flunk or pass their tests about how they did on the examinations. We do update the per diem compensation. We