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LB 445, 668

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Any further question on the committee amendments? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, as Senator Hoagland very adequately explained the bill, it is pretty much simple now as amended. It just, in essence, as it is now a county attorney has the option of whether to seek restitution of the \$7.00 filing fee or not. It just puts in the statute that, yes, the county attorney must collect the \$7.00 fee from the wrongdoer, from the person that wrote the bad check instead of in some instances around the state where the person that writes the bad check has to pay for restitution of the \$7.00. I think this is wrong. Nationally, the annual loss from bad check writing runs in the billions of dollars. This does cost everybody money. If you don't...if the merchant doesn't collect it, it just, in essence, throws it back onto higher prices through the person that is running the store. So it is a very simple bill. I ask for it to be moved. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the bill? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 445, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. We'll move on to LB 668.

CLERK: Mr. President, 668 was a bill offered by Senator Higgins and a number of the membership. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 22 of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee for public hearing. The bill was