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LB 1310, 1322

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Pirsch, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Clerk, you have a series of amendments, correct?

CLERK: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And this is which one?

CLERK: (AM)3524.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, I would really like to substitute, if I could, without objection, for 3522 first.

CLERK: Actually, oh...well, 3522 is the next one, so if you wanted to withdraw the one we are on, we could get...whatever you want to do, Senator.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, I would...I think I would like to just switch them. Substitute.

SENATOR CROSBY: Are there any objections to Senator Pirsch's request to switch the amendments? Seeing none.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, and, sorry, Mr. Clerk, I sort of not...this...these amendments come from LB 1310, which was heard in the Health and Human Services Committee, and, actually, I have made them into three amendments, so we could discuss and I know some are more controversial perhaps than others. The first one, which is the Section 1 of LB 131J, just allows that the county of Douglas, city of Omaha, in other words, Omaha and Douglas County could participate in joint housing authorities. A little bit of history, Omaha and Douglas County are the only city and county that are prohibited in our statutes from creating or participating in joint housing authorities. And in this day and age, when we are looking at all kinds of joint ventures and perhaps merging, when I looked at the statute for other reasons, I thought that this was an unusual and really objectionable prohibition in the statute, 71-1519. With that, I would ask that you adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Discussion on the Pirsch amendment, Senator Wesely.