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LR 6

have two guests here under the south balcony, Diane Francl of Omaha and Tom Wescom of Omaha. Would you please stand and be recognized and welcomed by your Legislature. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Senator Robak would like to print amendments to LB 254, Senator Beutler to LR 6. Hearing notices from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Health and Human Services, Judiciary, General Affairs, all signed by their respective Chairs. Confirmation hearing report from Natural Resources Committee. Judiciary Committee reports LB 362 to General File, LB 80 General File with amendments, LB 404 General File with amendments. Banking reports LB 121 General File, LB 285, LB 631 General File, LB 47 General File with amendments, those signed by respective Chairs. That is all that I have, Madam President (See pages 514-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The next bill is LB 128.

CLERK: LB 128 introduced by the Business and Labor Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Abboud, to open.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam President, members. LB 128 was introduced at the request of the Workers' Compensation Court to conform existing law with three recent Nebraska Supreme Court Decisions and current practices, policies and procedures. It makes the following six changes. First, on page 2, line 20, the words "an actually dependent" are stricken. The change became necessary following the Supreme Court's 1996 decision Findava W. v. A-T.E.A.M. Company, Inc. You may remember that Senator Landis mentioned this same case when he discussed LB 16 dealing with lineal descendants and inheritance tax. In essence, the Supreme Court ruled that the state could not discriminate between legitimate and illegitimate children who have applied for workers' compensation benefits. This section of the law,