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strike "or a traffic control signal".

SENATOR BARNETT: That takes in the same amendment. I'd move for the adoption of that amendment. This is exactly the same thing as in the first only it makes the two paragraphs correlate. I'd move for the adoption.

SPEAKER: Those in favor say aye--of the motion--, opposed no. The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, Mr. Chairman, now there is one area where I think we should all pay attention and get involved. On page 33 of the bill, I'd be happy to report to you that there is a difference of opinion in the City of Lincoln and the City of Omaha. For the first time in the history of the Legislature. The right turn on signal law in the state statutes is set up according to the Omaha traffic pattern. The red light turn law as according to this LB 45 is set up like the City of Lincoln. The City of Lincoln and the City of Omaha differ. There is presently no state law. It gives the rights to cities or villages and townships to adopt right turn on a red light. If you adopt LB 45 as it is presently written you will adopt the right turn on a red light where it is marked, as you have here in the City of Lincoln. If you oppose it, then you will have to have an amendment which I have prepared depending on what this body wishes, that you can turn right on a red light anywhere in the State except where it is prohibited, like in Omaha. So whichever way you want to go, we're prepared to take it whichever way you want. Now before you start screaming from the balcony, I would like to tell you this. The rule of the road as it has been adopted across the state is about evenly split on this law. I believe they told us from Washington this morning there were twelve states that have adopted the rule of the road after Lincoln. They also told us that California, the State of California, is leading the western plan which is like the Omaha plan and to be perfectly honest with you the states are approximately split at this time. There's a certain number that want the western plan and a certain number that want the eastern plan. I'm sure that the Lincoln and Omaha Senators might have some input. I don't know about the out state. Whatever you feel the most comfortable in driving in and under what conditions, I think that it's very important that you put this into this bill right now. We will go along with whatever this body decides but the right turn on the red light has got to be decided by this body. If it's in the bill the way you want it then it's like Lincoln. If you want to change it, I've got the amendment here ready to do it. If you want to make it like Omaha. I'd ask for discussion on that before we went any farther because I think that's an important issue in this LB 45, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Barnett yield to a question, please?

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, will you yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: You have not moved for the adoption of that amendment to amend line 14, page 33 yet right?

SENATOR BARNETT: No, I didn't, I have it right here though in the event, it's all typed ready to go in the event the body wants it like Omaha.

SENATOR GOODRICH: What the amendment does is on line 14, page 33 it says "when a signal is in place permitting a right, a turn". This amendment would strike the word "when" and insert "except where a sign is in place" and strike "permitting" and insert "prohibiting" a turn.