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LB 146

PRESIDENT: No. Closing waived. All those in favor then of adopting the committee amendments on LB 146 vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the committee amendments on LB 146. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Kahle raised the central issue involved with this bill and basically it is that in the wisdom of the Legislature last year, you passed a very good bill dealing with handicapped parking in an attempt to help those who are disabled to be able to park throughout our cities in the State of Nebraska in a convenient manner. The only thing that happened though, negative, was that there were some problems in distribution and centrally what you have is a nonuniform system out of that bill, where if you get a permit in Lincoln you cannot go to Omaha or some other city with handicapped parking and use that permit and use that parking facilities, or those spaces. And so this is just an attempt to make it more uniform and it's been agreed to, I think, by all parties involved. I think it will improve that legislation that was passed last year. I think it is for the best interests of the state.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, may I ask you another question, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Certainly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, will you respond?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: In your deliberation did you consider allowing blind people to have their cars parked in these areas? And I'm not being funny, because in our area and many others, some blind people do own a car, and their relatives or with whom...their guardians, whoever, drive their cars for them. As I understand it now, the blind are not allowed to park their cars in these areas. Do you know it that is true, off-hand? I realize I'm catching you without previously talking to you.