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LB 237

section 6 as section 7 and section 7 as section 6.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: That may seem peculiar to you but really if you read section 5 it deals with the Workmen's Comp Judges qualification. If you read section 7 in the same section, it deals with the Workmen's Comp Judge qualification and if you read the intervening section right now, 6, it deals with an entirely different court and I am pleading for a little logic. Let's deal with the Workmen's Comp Court, both sections, by renumbering 7 as 6 and then 5 and 6 will be Workmen's Comp in sequence in our law rather than interjecting another court in between the two. It simply brings the two sections regarding Workmen's Comp together and changes nothing else.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, we would have no objection to that or I would not have.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion first of all is the Murphy amendment to 237. Any further discussion? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, now the motion, Senator Nichol, is to advance the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Did you want me to explain the bill, sir?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, as I stated, this bill comes from recommendations of the study committee of the State Bar Association. LB 237 deals with the qualification of judges of the Supreme Court, the County Court, District Court, Workmen's Compensation Court, Juvenile Court and Municipal Courts. The bill does two basic things. First, it is a provision that each judge to be eligible for appointment must have had five years of practice of law in Nebraska or judicial service in Nebraska. Prior to this requirement was that such appointee must have resided in the state for three years. It is intended that this change will provide a higher level of minimum competence and experience in Nebraska law. The second aspect of