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LB 500

When we can have a Governor like Mr. Thone, who is not known to be a wild-eyed liberal, a radical spender, or un-American in any respect, and he puts his imprimatur on something as milquetoast and weak and anemic as LB 500, I have to wonder how anybody can oppose it. This gives the Legislature and the State of Nebraska the opportunity to appear to be doing something which is just. So I would suggest that we accept Senator Johnson's amendment in order that the Governor's hands may be free to wield the sword of truth and justice and cut away those undergrowth of discrimination and racism, which plague this great State of Nebraska. Why sometimes I feel like standing on a soapbox and lauding the history of this state, but I'm not going to do that right now, I'm just going to tell you I support Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are now voting on the Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Alright, we're back to the bill itself. I have the following order: Senator Haberman, Senator Cullan, Senator Marsh and Senator Keyes. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Keyes a question, please? Senator Keyes, would you answer a question or two, please?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Haberman, it has always been my desire to enlighten this body.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Before I start making remarks I need the answer to a couple of questions.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It's my understanding that this LB 500 creates an Affirmative Action Division within the state Department of Personnel. Is that correct?

SENATOR KEYES: I think that's the Department it will be created in.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It's my understanding that this bill also