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LB 271

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, we have extensive committee amendments that were brought to us and we have accepted them and, Senator Hefner, we have been going over them steadily this morning and I think you have it all written out on a bill that you have in front of you. I can't find mine so, Senator Hefner, would you explain what the committee amendments do?

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking on a motion to adopt the committee amendments to 271, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendments would change it back to define the veteran organization as in chapter 80-401. The bill as it was originally introduced would allow for veterans organizations to put members on this board of review. They are the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of World War I, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Now we go back to this other section and this comprises about thirty veterans organizations. I wish that Senator Keyes would have spoke on the committee amendments because I am not in favor of these. I would like to have the bill as it was originally so, Senator Keyes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, speaking on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR KEYES: These amendments were brought in and Senator Landis understands them and knows what they are. I'm sorry I didn't have my bill in front of me when we started in on this but, Senator Landis, and I know he knows exactly what it does and the veterans were there and we want to do what they want.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 271 has in it what Senator Hefner asked for with the original measure and that is to allow representatives to sit on the Board of Inquiry, the board that determines who goes to a veteran home, to allow a replacement or an assignee to take their place when they can't attend the meeting. That was the problem that motivated LB 271. The language to allow a representative to name someone to attend in his place is still in there. Let me explain the committee amendments, however. At the present time there are four veterans organizations that qualify to serve on the Board of Inquiry because they meet the test enunciated