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LB 418

back to the Public Health Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I think Senator Koch has brought up some excellent points and I'd be one to admit very candidly I don't begin to understand all the ramifications of LB 418 and I was on the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Since the time that the bill has been reported out, I have been receiving quite a bit of information about this bill, and as Senator Koch has explained, it has not been favorable. It has been from a number of people who were not aware of the bill from all angles, not only the people in the recreational vehicle industry but people that drive the vehicles. The bill is a very complex one at the very least. You are talking about not only the recreational vehicles but mobile homes. I guess that I will have to say that I don't think I probably, and I will have to look at the record to see if I voted on the bill, but if I did, I did not cast an intelligent vote in that case. I would like to see the bill sent back to committee. I think there is a great deal of information which has surfaced at this point. I would agree completely with Senator Koch that I really think it is very difficult for us at this point to try and hash through all the ramifications of LB 418 since it did not come out in the public hearing. I would like to see the bill sent back to the Public Health and Welfare Committee at this time. We could have, let me pull my book. I can see how many people testified on the bill but it wasn't very many. Looking at the note from the committee, there was no opposition which, of course, there is now. There were some people, there was one person there, the President of the Nebraska Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association and the other people from the Department of Health essentially. As I said, since that time a great deal of information has surfaced. I looked in the record. I did vote in favor of the bill but at this time I feel that that was not an intelligent vote that was cast and I think that it would be best for this body to look at the bill very thoroughly, by having the bill sent back to committee, and then studying it as completely as possible.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak to the Simon amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature,