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LB 183

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Please record your presence. It is my pleasure first of all to welcome to the Legislature from Senaor Carsten's district eleven seniors and one teacher from Nemaha Valley, Cook, Nebraska, Joan Clausmeyer.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Yesterday I believe it was I made a reconsideration motion on LB 183 to reconsider an affirmative vote on Final Reading. After I explain my position I will ask unanimous consent to withdraw this motion. In my opinion this is a glaring hole in our rules of procedure to be allowed to make a motion, affirmatively, to reconsider a bill that has passed Final Reading in the Nebraska Legislature on the basis that a couple or three members can make a reconsideration after a bill is passed and effectively have the right of veto as an elected member of the Nebraska Unicameral. I believe this deficiency in our rules has been sufficiently pointed out to the leadership of the Unicameral whereby the Rules Committee will be asked to in emergency operations bring a rule change to the Legislature that will prohibit this being repeated on any other bill. For the record this motion to reconsider was made to bring forth the situation that we have now very forcibly is that the rules of the Unicameral need repair as it effects reconsideration on bills on Final Reading. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request from you and the members of this Unicameral unanimous consent to withdraw my reconsideration motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is withdrawn. Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KOCH: A question, Mr. Speaker. Is he proposing that we allow such a rule that once we vote it is final and affirmative that someone can change for the purpose of reconsidering the action again? Is that what he is proposing? A rule change to that effect?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, I'm not sure that I understand your question but I'll try to answer it.