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LB 39

Marsh of the 29th. (Read by title LB 39.) The bill was read on January 4 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health and Welfare for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments pending by Senator Cullan's Public Health and Welfare Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While we're waiting for Senator Cullan, I'd like to...Senator Cullan, Senator Cullan...while we're waiting for him to get back to his seat, it's my privilege, in the north balcony, to introduce to you 30 members of the CETA organization, Comprehensive Employee Training Agency, together with Judy Taylor, their instructor. They are up in the north balcony and may we say hello to them. Now, Senator Cullan, we're dealing with the Committee amendments to LB 39.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the Committee amendments to LB 39 do several things. First of all, we delete the provision that all tests would be done at the Department of Health laboratories so that the tests could be done elsewhere. Secondly, we delete the provision which set a \$1.00 fee for the test. It was felt that it would cost more to collect the \$1.00...more money would be spent to collect the funds than would be generated from the funds, and thirdly, we deleted the provision of the statutory authority for the State Department of Health to perform tests for other states. We felt that they would have sufficient responsibility to perform the tests within the State of Nebraska. Those are the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you have an amendment to the Committee amendments?

SENATOR MARSH: No, Mr. Speaker, I have a comment to read regarding the Committee amendments....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR MARSH:..since I want the individuals on the floor to know what it is they are voting for with the Committee amendments. In fact, the Committee amendments remove the need for a \$55,000 A bill with LB 39, but I would like to quote so that you will know why that is being removed, and understand the need or believe there should be a need for the A bill. I'm reading from a letter from Warren Bosley, M.D. from Grand Island. Dr. Bosley is Past President of the Medical Association in the State of Nebraska.