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take a lot of time on this bill every year but, Senator Venditte, I find it very strange that he has a real concern for our time because time and time again, year after year, every year I have been here and every year Senator Venditte has been here, he saw fit to bring an abortion bill in front of us and if you think we have taken a lot of time on this, I suggest you look at the record and see how much time we spent on that. Then I can understand some of the pressures that some of the people are under. I'm not like some of the members in this body. I don't have a relative who sits on the bench. If we take out this escalator clause I think we are going back. Yes, it is true. We are going back to the old system but I think that is much preferable than to wash our hands of it and say, here is a new system. This is the way to get rid of the problem and disregard any fiscal impact on it and disregard any check on it. Taking out Section 6 is reasonable and I think it is what the people want. I don't think it is an unreasonable request to take this out. Take out an automatic escalator and review this on an annual basis and I would move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Reutzel amendment to LB 398. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? The vote is on the Reutzel amendment to LB 398 or the motion to strike Section 6. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Reutzel's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is adopted. Senator Nichol.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol now moves to amend the bill, to adopt the amendments to LB 398 found on page 1069 and 1070 of the Journal.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, these are the original committee amendments but they probably should be done under my name instead of as committee amendments. I was happy to see Senator Lewis acknowledge that perhaps some of the amendments that were offered were not the greatest and I admire him for his knowledge and foresight in seeing that that was a reality. We really feel that these are sensible amendments. The committee has felt that this is probably the best we could do and also we are appreciative that this has not turned into an auction. It has been orderly and we appreciate it. I really think that these figures that we have come up