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LB 565

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator George or Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I respectfully ask that this be laid over because the Speaker has a schedule for special order on Tuesday of May 1, and the amendments are numerous and there is no way that we could get through those. I suggest rather than wasting fifty minutes now we wait until May 1 on Mayday and I'll give you all a basket.

SENATOR NICHOL: The Speaker is away but I assume that will be alright. Senator Lewis, would you come to the Chair a minute?

SENATOR LEWIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Clerk, 565.

CLERK: LB 565 introduced by the Judiciary Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title to LB 565.) The bill was read on February 5. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee, Mr. President. There are Committee amendments by Senator Nichol's Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, LB 565 expands the definition of law enforcement officer to any person who has arrest power in the state and would require them to attend Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. It was brought to the committee's attention by the Department of Corrections that their officers and also the probation and parole officers would be covered by this new definition since they do have arrest power. However, this arrest power is very infrequently used. There are some 300 correctional officers with the Department of Corrections, and the only time they would use arrest power is in pursuit of an escapee. Also the probation and parole officers have the power to arrest a person under their supervision. However, when these people make arrests they are accompanied by a police officer or a sheriff. Also to require probation and parole officers to attend the Academy would remove these people from their duties in the areas of the state. In some areas of the state there is only one parole office and to remove that officer for