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LB 489

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. President, let's take about a 3 minute recess while Senator Newell has a chance to look over his amendments, and then let's come back and take them.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SPEAKER MARVEL: And by that time hopefully Senator Landis will be here so we can proceed.

PRESIDENT: All right, we'll have a 3 minute recess and then we'll proceed....or no, not a recess, just stand at ease, that's right.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, I....

PRESIDENT: We don't want to have a recess or we'll have the same trouble all over.

SENATOR NEWELL: I do not know if the Clerk....did I have these printed in the Journal? Okay, I forgot to have them printed in the Journal. The amendments are basically this. What we have under present Nebraska law is that if an employer is to hire an individual but one of the requirements for employment is a medical or physical, then the employer must pay the cost of that physical. Now the situation is this, and the reason I offer these amendments, which would allow for the employer to deduct from the employee, if that employee lives...or leaves the job within a week's period of time, that the employer may then deduct the cost of that physical from the employee's salary instead of bearing the cost himself. The purpose simply is this, that the employee wants the job and accepts the job, then he ought to stay at least a week, and if he doesn't stay a week then he can help pay for the medical costs, for the examination costs.

PRESIDENT: Senator Brennan, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR BRENNAN: I didn't want to speak to Senator Newell's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Are there any....any other discussion on the Newell amendment to LB 489? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of the Newell amendment to LB 489.

SENATOR NEWELL: Excuse me, if I could just make....I have a correction. I didn't look these over as well as I...