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LB 444

and those amendments are on page....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Brennan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRENNAN: I'd like to ask Chairman Wesely which E & R amendments were adopted there. Are those the ones that were printed?

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Landis moves to amend, Mr. President. They're on Page 1795 and 96.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a small amendment that was arranged right here between Row J and Row K back here with Senator Murphy and myself. If you will remember the floor debate on LB 444, Senator Murphy asked about the use of the hearing officer...in other words, a representative of the commission that takes the testimony and hears the evidence. In the past this has been a trained lawyer that's been the Clerk of the Court now called the Commission, and Senator Murphy asked whether or not I would be amenable to placing in the statute the requirement that that person be a trained attorney. I have no problems with that. That has been the practice heretofore, and there is no reason not to acknowledge that and to create the standard of a trained attorney as the representative of the Commission as the hearing officer in this instance. I would regard it as the consensus to amendment by all parties involved with the bill so far. I do not know of any controversy of the measure and I hope we can move speedily to its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Landis amendment to LB 444. Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak on the amendment? Your light is on. All those in favor of the Landis amendment to LB 444 vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We're voting on the Landis amendment to LB 444. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Landis' amendment.