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LB 444

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. The next amendment by....

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely moves to amend and those amendments are on Page 1879.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this amendment will be a somewhat more controversial one I suspect than the previous amendment we just adopted from Senator Landis, but it's in keeping with my role as E & R Chairman, and it's in my estimation a technical change but it has ramifications that I think Senator Landis will elaborate on with his expertise and background. But basically the E & R amendments you adopted were in regard to the Murphy amendment which changed the name of the Court of Industrial Relations to the Commission of Industrial Relations. It was a simple amendment that the E & R amendment carried forth and it turned into a three-page amendment...the E & R amendments which we just adopted. We went through the statutes changed from Court to Commission the name of the present Court of Industrial Relations and then made a point that at any other point in the statutes the name of the Court would now become the Commission of Industrial Relations. Well, in keeping with the spirit of that amendment and the intent of that amendment, this amendment which I now propose carries it one step farther, and the members of the now Commission of Industrial Relations would be called Commissioners rather than Judges, and so the amendment as explained by the Clerk is on Page 1879 of the Journal if you wish to look at it. All it does is change the name of the Court of Industrial Relations board members from Judge to Commissioner, and it makes it throughout the statute that sort of a change possible. The intent here is just to keep in mind that we have adopted that change in title and I think it in my estimation seems rather logical to take this next step. I don't have the background on perhaps other courts and boards that are titled Judges that would be similar, but I think that if you're going to have a commission the members of that commission should be called Commissioners and that's why I proposed this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 444. Senator Cullan, you light is on.