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SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to these amendments which my good friend, Senator Wesely from Lincoln, and my replacement as Chairman of the prestigious Enrollment and Review Committee referred to as E & R amendments. Now, Senator Wesely, these amendments are very substantive and I think it would be improper to use your position, your powerful position as Chairman of the E & R Committee to make some changes here. So, Senator Wesely, I would suggest that you, for the record, clarify that these are not E & R amendments and we would hate for you or anyone in the E & R office to abuse that very special authority that you have there. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any other discussion? Senator Kelly, do you wish to discuss the Wesely amendments?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, I think that Senator Cullan's remark that he opposes the procedures that Senator Wesely is using not the substance that he's changing, and I support this change. It is in line with the legislative intent. We should support Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I wish to take exception to the Wesely amendment and I am going to oppose it on I believe substantive grounds, and I hope with the attention of the Legislature that I can bring this to your attention and we can dispose of what I believe is an unnecessary and unneeded change in the language of LB 444. I had anticipated asking Senator Wesely an embarrassingly long series of questions hopefully designed to show the fact that perhaps he does not know a great deal about the operation of the Commission of Industrial Relations. That's not my purpose to either embarrass or whatever, but my purpose is to address the merits of this amendment. First of all, many administrative bodies, and this Legislature has acknowledge by the name change that the Commission of Industrial Relations is an administrative body, many of them retain and name their functionaries and they call them Judges. They call them Judges because of the functions they perform. Now I can speak with some authority on this because I was once for the state of Nebraska an Administrative Law Judge. I was an employee of the Department of Labor. I was a trained attorney in their employ to hear and decide cases and my...the nomenclature with which I was addressed was as a Judge.