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time there is any debate on Final Reading is when a motion is on the desk to bring back a bill and as I understand it, Mr. Clerk, there is one on this first one. All right, I think, Mr. Clerk, we can start this because there is a motion on this bill. Motion on the desk. Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Goodrich moves to return LB 141 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is printed on page 1563 of the Journal, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, my purpose of asking to bring this particular bill back is to add two words to the bill which would allow the University of Nebraska at Omaha to continue a program of training for the game warden program for the Games Department. If we let this bill go through the way it is now the only training program for game wardens will be at Chadron, Nebraska, which is in the northwestern corner of the state. What I am saying is that we should have one of these programs at each end of the state. Otherwise we have mandated that the only future game wardens we are going to get for the state all come from the Chadron area. Now I am sure Senator Cullan wouldn't mind that but the gentlemen, young people from the Chadron area aren't going to know the problems of the east end of the state and I am saying that we should have a program on each end of the state. Now we can do it at the UNO campus because of the fact that they have the four year L.E.A.A. program, law enforcement criminal justice program, that gives the courses anyhow, so a youngster would just go through the first two years of that particular law enforcement criminal justice program, get his associate degree and away he goes. He can then qualify as a game warden. We are not adding one new program, one new instructor. We are not adding one new dollar to the cost of any kind. All we are doing is providing that at the end of this same two year period that they have been going through anyhow, since they have a four year program in it, that they can hand the youngster an associate degree piece of paper and he can go get himself a job. I am asking that you return the bill so that we can add that specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, it is with some degree of reluctance that I rise to oppose Senator Goodrich's amendment. The University of Nebraska at Omaha does indeed offer a four year course under L.E.A.A. programs,