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LB 221

bill drafter, Bruce Cutshall, a request that if you have not talked to him about drafting bills, please do so. This will allow him to work over the weekend. The Chair has received some information that indicates that today is the 29th birthday of Senator Frank Lewis. Senator Fitzgerald, would you like to lead us in Happy Birthday?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: I don't speak any Indian, his native tongue from Oklahoma.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Frank, would you please stand up? (Happy Birthday sung to Senator Lewis.) No speech please, Frank.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the special order for the day is LB 221. First of all, the Clerk will bring us up to date.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 221 was a bill introduced by Senator Ralph Kelly of the 35th Legislative District. (Read title to LB 221.) The bill was read for the first time on January 11, 1979. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Public hearing was held. Senator Murphy, on April 2nd made a motion to place LB 221 on General File. That motion prevailed on April 4. The body considered the bill on April 25. At that time there was a motion by Senator Neutzel which was adopted. The bill on April 25 failed to advance, Mr. President. I now have a series of amendments pending.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to make some opening remarks and then we will go to the amendments to the bill.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would. Delighted to see you in the Chair this morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I am glad to be here on this sunny day. The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, very succinctly and to the point, LB 221 would raise the drinking age to 21 from 19, would grandfather in legal drinkers at the time the bill went into effect, would allow 19 and 20 year old citizens of Nebraska to be employed in licensed liquor establishments. Simple straightforward bill. We all understand it and it needs not much more explanation. But I do submit to the members of this body, Mr. Speaker, that over