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LB 483

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, when the amendment was adopted to 483 regarding foreign children adoptions, the Department of Vital Statistics contacted me and requested the following changes. If you will turn in your Journal to page 595 and 596, they are clarifications for the changes so that place of birth including the city or town and relating to Nebraska born or foreign born. I move for the return of 483 to Select File for this specific amendment at the request of the Department of Health, Vital Statistics Division.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, we are speaking to the Marsh amendment found on page 595.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Marsh has talked to me about this amendment. It is not a terribly controversial amendment and I have agreed to allow her at this time...I am supposed to...the bell rang. Oh! not yet. The amendment has been explained to me and I am in agreement. I think that this will to assist in getting birth certificates for foreign born nationals who are adopted by Nebraskans, and for that reason, I support the amendment. I do not think it detracts and it does save the state and this body a great deal of time and effort and money, and with that, I would encourage you to accept the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as you know, I oppose this bill and I guess when Senator Newell rises and accepts the amendment it gives me more reason to oppose it. It especially does so when he talks about saving the state money and then I really become a little bit concerned because I have never known that kind of frugality to prevail on one of his bills in the past. I would like to ask Senator Marsh, would you explain to me exactly what the amendment does?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, I shall, Senator Schmit. An amendment was adopted to 483 which will provide that Nebraska adopting parents may have a Nebraska birth certificate on file for their foreign born adopted child. The original amendment which was adopted said country of origin only or area of the world. The Department of Vital Statistics felt that when that information was known, it would be extremely helpful to have that be into the record as a permanent part for some future years if that individual ever chooses to know more about his or her birth who comes from another