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LB 221, 842

Works whose chairman is Senator Kremer to whom we referred LB 842 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is that it?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The next item of business is #6, Final Reading. All legislators please return to your seats and unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. We are ready to proceed with #6, Final Reading, and we have to wait until all legislators are in their seats. The first order of business is LB 221. There is an amendment on the desk. The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely moves to return LB 221 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Read Wesely amendment found on pages 644-645 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill has been debated time and again. It has been here for two years and I need just three minutes more to make one final point that hasn't been made to this point. That concerns the new issue that has only been raised in the last couple of weeks by President Carter and the Iranian-Afghanistationian situation which has called now for a reinstatement of the draft registration in our country. On the question of LB 221 and I have not before debated this issue on the floor. I am twenty-five years old. I am the second youngest member of the Legislature and this bill is directly affecting young people in particular and only and yet I haven't spoken because there was enough debate, there was enough discussion and I felt that the points were being made that I was most concerned about but one point hasn't been made yet and that is the point of the draft and the reinstatement of the registration and the potential that at some point in the near future we are again going to start to draft our young people. At the very same time that we are discussing this possibility, at the very time as we are looking at the option of again calling to service our nineteen and twenty year olds, we look directly at a bill such as LB 221 and suggest and offer and change our laws so that those very same individuals that we would ask to serve our country will no longer be allowed to be served alcohol. This is a major point. This is an irony that shouldn't be missed, an irony when at one point we are asking our young people to be responsible, to be patriotic and to serve our country, we turn around and tell