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LB 601

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, there is an amendment up on the desk. I don't think it is necessary to read the amendment. All this amendment does, and I will tell you we had kind of a peculiar situation happened in Papillion, Nebraska, and it could happen in the rest of the cities across the state. It seems that our mayor resigned in the first year of his term and the city councilman who is head of the council was head of the council and he is in the last year of his term and it was felt that the city councilman, instead of getting a three year extension on his term as mayor, should run for the office so what we have done is said that when there was a vacancy in the office of mayor, the president of the council shall serve as mayor for the unexpired term except that if at least one-half of his previous mayor's term remains and a general election is to be held not more than sixty days from the date of the vacancy, a successor shall be elected at the next general election. I move for the adoption of the amendment. It is noncontroversial. There is no objection to it as I know of in Papillion and if you folks across the state have a town in which your mayor resigns in the first part of his term and the city council is in the last part of his term, I think he should be elected to finish out the four years. So I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 601. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the committee amendment to 601. Have you all voted? The motion is the adoption of the committee amendment as explained by Senator Keyes. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: We have a problem here. The amendments you are talking about are printed in the book and do form the bill now and I believe that Senator Keyes' amendment would be an amendment to the amendment. All right, how would you interpret it?

CLERK: We are dealing with the committee amendments. I have no amendment to the committee amendments as such. I have nothing up here, Senator, other than your committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, for what...?

SENATOR KEYES: I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments do exactly for cities of the first class the same as we did for cities last year and sets up the procedure, so I move for the adoption of the committee amendments if you have them before you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Clerk will clear the board and we will start over again with the amendments. Now what is the