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LB 663, 681

Journal.) 40 ayes, 4 nays, 4 excused and not voting, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed. Do you have a motion on the desk on 681?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh moves to return LB 681 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, a very short quick word of explanation. This identical amendment was added to 483 which was vetoed. This is the noncontroversial amendment which allows Nebraska parents who have adopted foreign-born children to have a Nebraska birth certificate issued in the new name of the child indicating that child's place of birth where known and only after court proceedings where the child has been legally adopted. I move to have it returned for this specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee, I have no objection to Senator Marsh's amendment. I think it is appropriate and would support returning the bill for that purpose.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature and Senator Marsh, you may understand what I am about to say and you may not. Nevertheless I have to say it. The Governor is capable of reading bills, and if he see things that are worthwhile in those bills, even if he detests the introducer of a bill, he ought not let that personal feeling he has toward the introducer influence his action toward a bill which has merit. So since he vetoed the bill that had this particular proposal in it, I must presume that he was aware of this proposal and felt that it did not have sufficient merit to justify inclusion in a bill that ought to pass. So I am not going to support bringing the bill back for this purpose and I would advise the other members of the Legislature to vote in the same way that I am. A time has to come when we will not rewrite a bill on the floor and give the Governor the impression that he can veto a Senator's bill that he may not like and