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LB 605

another opportunity to speak?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No. The Chair will rule first of all that Senator Nichol waived his right to close. So, first of all, Senator DeCamp, is your light off? Okay, Senator Haberman, you may now close on the committee amendments as amended.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I waive closing, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments as amended vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments as amended are adopted. Now we are ready for the....okay. Senator Haberman, do you wish to withdraw some amendments that are on the desk? Okay, they are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves to indefinitely postpone LB 605.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think this has been a very valuable Civics lesson this morning. If you read this bill, what it says, in effect, is that if three or more people are engaging in disorderly conduct or disturbing the peace, a peace officer may order them to disperse, and failure to disperse is an offense. Maybe I would rather get charged with the offense for failure to disperse than disturbing the peace. That is what the law is now. This bill just reflects what the law is now. It talks about disturbing the peace. Now an officer right now can tell people who are disturbing the peace, if you don't stop I am going to put you in jail. So instead of laughing at Senator DeCamp's amendment, which simply would have been underlining what the U.S. Constitution says, all this bill does is underline what the present Nebraska statute says. This is the way the Legislature enacts legislation, and a remark that I didn't deal with was that I would like to do away with most of the laws, which is not true. But I am accustomed to dealing with those kind of remarks on the floor of the Legislature now. And if there is such a thing wherever jungles are found as