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LB 849

SENATOR SIECK: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Senator Sieck, I noticed you excluding the Athletic Commissioner from Section 84-1317. 84-1317, I have just looked it up briefly here relates to quite a few employees. Could you explain again why the Athletic Commissioner should not fall under the same criteria as these other people that work for the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR SIECK: It is a personal reason. In visiting with Mr. Jacoby, I find that he is a very alert individual and that he has done a tremendous job for the Athletic Commission and I hate to lose an individual like this, and if we continue it with the present statutes, he is required to retire and that is the only reason I have for asking for this amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, it seems to me that we could use that criteria for probably a number of people. I am sure that each person that would fall under the retirement act of 84-1317 to somebody would be a nice person and well liked and capable of performing their duties. If this was the intent in your case, then it would seem to me that possibly we should all pick out somebody that we like and that is doing a good job that is reaching this age and amend 849 to include a variety of people. I guess I have a little difficulty with the fact that we are attempting to have special legislation here for some "good old boy" and maybe he is, I have no idea, but I am a little questioning about the propriety of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Sieck amendment? Senator Sieck, you may close.

SENATOR SIECK: ...his questioned propriety of this amendment. I think anyone in the State of Nebraska who has done a good job should be given the opportunity to continue in that profession, and in this particular case, I find this is true and I hate to see this individual...we lose this individual. I can recall in the past that we haven't had too good of individuals with the Athletic Commission but we do have one now and I would urge you to continue the position of the Athletic Commission and by voting for this amendment this will continue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is the adoption of the Sieck amendment to LB 849. All those in favor vote