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LB 38

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you want to move the adoption of the amendments to LB 38?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move the adoption of the amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of the amendments to LB 38 vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Kahle, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I distributed a part of the morning's World Herald. I am sorry that it is so small that they had to condense it in order to get it on the sheet. But I think it explains a great deal about this bill, and I hope you have had some chance to look at that, and if your eyesight is poor I do have a copy of it out of the World Herald that is much larger. This bill was brought to me last summer by people in my general area who work with the CAP program and other programs that deal with the poor and the less fortunate. It was brought to my attention that 15 other states already have what we call this, the nickname or the term is the "Good Samaritan" bill. It allows the distributors of food, the food stores, those that handle food in any way, shape or form to give the food away for redistribution and relieve them of part of the liability of that food. It would be distributed then by agencies, a number of which are already in existence. We had testimony from a number of people from the Omaha area where they already have a food bank and are distributing food to those that need it. You might wonder why the grocery stores would be willing to give away food. Well, right now they can haul it to the dump and dump it in with the garbage and bury it and receive the same treatment from the Internal Revenue Service as they would if they gave it for food for someone to use. You all know that articles on the store shelves have dates, some of them, and that they have to be moved out. I guess a good example is milk. We all buy milk and most of us look at the date on it when we buy it to see how much shelf life it has left, but I am sure that all of you have had milk in the refrigerator at home that was perhaps as much as a week over the shelf life mark on that milk