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LB 331

to me and you have got a signature and I still mean it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the next bill is 331.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 331 was offered by Senator Schmit. (Read.) The bill was first read on January 19, referred to the Ag and Environment Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Ag and Environment Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you want to take the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments provide that the award can be made to anyone regardless of where they live in the State of Nebraska or outside the state. It changes also the reference to distillers grain and tries to clean up the language so that we are more specific in regard to the purpose of the award.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as explained by Senator Schmit. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 331 is a bill which was introduced for the purpose of trying to find some sort of a solution to the controversy that surrounds the development of an alcohol fuel's industry. When the proponents and the opponents get together they usually argue over whether we are going to produce food or fuel. We know and only last...or earlier this week some ladies served to the members of the Legislature some sort of cookie made from the mash byproduct of the distillers process. I feel very strongly and we recognize that there are opportunities to develop a very quality edible byproduct from the distillation process which produces alcohol and that this product, once it is developed, could contribute substantially to relieving hunger throughout the world. I think it is unfortunate that at the present time the distillers byproduct that we use is fed only to livestock. I think that there is every reason to believe that with adequate incentives we could produce a protein byproduct that would be palatable, edible, nutritious and not only make a substantial contribution to the welfare of this country but of other countries.