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summarizes the various statutes that are to be repealed both in the original bill and in a set of amendments that Senator Wesely will offer. Now I don't think it makes sense to spend time going through all of these things but why don't I just mention two or three of the most interesting. The bill would repeal Section 71-504, a law that was enacted in 1919 to prohibit the use of common drinking cups. The bill would also repeal a series of about eleven sections that were enacted in 1947 and were known as the Nebraska Antifreeze Act. Now what happened is sometime after the war a bad batch of antifreeze was marketed in the State of Nebraska and as a result of that a minor regulatory scheme was enacted which requires that any new antifreeze to be marketed in Nebraska be tested by the Department of Agriculture. Now the Department of Agriculture has faithfully been doing that for many, many years now with the cost of about \$2,000 per batch of antifreeze tested. It also costs the company about \$2,000 to prepare a batch of antifreeze for testing. There has been no problem with any antifreeze marketed in the State of Nebraska since the act was passed in 1947, as I understand it, and this request for repeal comes to us from the Department of Agriculture. Now most of the statutes that are included in the original committee bill have been recommended by state agencies following a survey that my office took over the summer. The final subject that I might mention is the repeal of the public library employees retirement fund which was set up in 1921. It was designed for the City of Omaha and their retirement fund is now obsolete because Omaha treats the employees of the library like all other city employees and their retirement benefits are handled in that fashion. So the City of Omaha has consented to our repealing those provisions. I would be happy to answer any questions about any of the provisions that we are repealing in the original bill or in the committee amendments and Senator Wesely, I am sure, will want to address his amendment and will be happy to answer any questions about the repealers that he has come up with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Wesely, do you have an amendment you wish to propose?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do have an amendment to LB 497. It does repeal an additional five sections of the statutes or approximately five sections of the statutes dealing with a number of different items. These were brought to me by the bill drafter's office. When Senator Hoagland passed his bill last year which repealed a number of statutes, I added an amendment which said that the bill drafter's office will as a matter of course in drafting legislation look for statutes that are no longer