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LB 396, 543

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Now, Mr. President, LB 396 is a bill that I introduced on behalf of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation and the farming industry. Several years ago the federal government had a combination of matching funds and a program whereby lime was tested. It was a program where there was cost sharing. At that time lime was tested and we did have an analysis before it was put on and we knew for sure. When that lime act was suspended the Ag College also suspended the testing process. Since that time we have had no real serious problems but we have had a few cases where at least the farmer himself felt that he was not getting that which he had been told he was receiving. It did seem appropriate that we reinstate that testing program. We were in contact with the Ag Department. There were no problems with that and so we proceeded then to draft the bill as it is. I want to alert you also that there is a fiscal note with this but due to the changes in the bill by way of the amendments there is a revised version and I was told that we had to have an A bill with it which I have introduced this morning. It is a minimal amount for the use of the sampling and the testing and the extra work that the Ag College is going to have to do. It amounts to \$21,167. We do believe that the bill is all right. There has been some question relative to the slurry in the lime products which we believe is all right but I assure you and want to alert you at this point that we are going to continue to look at that, and if there is a problem there, on Select File we will be ready to correct that problem but we believe the bill is worthy of your consideration and your support and I move, Mr. President, that LB 396 as amended be advanced to E & R Initial. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is to advance the bill as explained by Senator Carsten. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Next bill, 543.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 543 (read title). It was read for the first time on February 3rd and referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and there are committee amendments from the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, Mr. President, members of the Legislature,