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LB 129, 118

you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: LB 118.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 118 was a bill introduced by Senator Hefner and Senator Maresh. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 13 of this year. It was referred to the Business and Labor for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Business and Labor Committee, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, originally LB 118 had to do with unemployment compensation and because we had other legislation on the floor of the Legislature there was no need to advance this from committee and because there was a need to extend the barge compact deadline from 1981 to '84, I talked to the committee and they went along with amending this bill to extend that compact that will have Iowa, Missouri and Kansas join Nebraska to promote barge transportation on the Missouri River which we passed last year to enabling legislation for the Governor to join other states in this barge compact. And this is moving right along. In Iowa they passed the compact legislation. Missouri is about ready to pass it, but Kansas has adjourned with just the House passing it and it hasn't passed the Senate. So this will give us more time to get this barge compact completed. So I move that the committee amendment be adopted. Also in this amendment we are adding...allowing other states such as North and South Dakota which have an interest in the Missouri River and even Montana does have interest to join us if they wish to. And it allows the Governor to appoint a three member advisory committee to work with the manager of this barge compact for advice and to carry out the compact, and the deadline being extended to July 1st, 1984. So that is the way the committee amendments read to the bill and I move that the committee amendments be adopted.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Maresh. Originally this started out as my bill. It started out as an unemployment compensation bill, but we were able to get parts of my bill into 394, and so therefore I told Senator Maresh that he could use this bill for this. This bill, of course, would