

that you wished to withdraw. Is that right, Senator? Okay. And in that case, Mr. President, Senator Johnson will move to return LB 428 to Select File for a specific amendment and Senator Johnson's amendment is found on page 458 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, LB 428 is a bill that is known as the limited guardianship bill. This bill was initially introduced three years ago and the Judiciary Committee at that time decided not to advance the bill to the floor of the Legislature because it was a very involved bill. At the beginning of the last legislative session I took the other bill and I reworked it considerably and introduced it as a limited guardianship bill and it was heard by Judiciary a year ago this winter and it was advanced to the floor of the Legislature and it quickly moved through General File and through Select File and as it was moving I kept talking to the Nebraska Bar Association about its taking some position on 428 because I knew that it had an effect on guardianship practices and in addition I talked to county judges about the same thing. But they were not really in a position to respond quickly to the movement of the bill. In fact, this is one of those rare times when I felt the bill was moving faster than it ought to move. In fact, I think when Senator Nichol spoke to this bill he said, now you want to watch this bill carefully because it does make changes in the guardianship practice. So it came up for Final Reading last legislative session and I asked that it be held over. I asked that it be held over for the summer and fall so that the Bar Association and the county judges could have a hard look at it and they have done that. And what has happened is that I have met in November, December and January...November and December of last year and January of this year with several county judges and with the Nebraska Association for Retarded Citizens and we have worked out amendments which make the limited guardianship concept a very real and practicable concept in the guardianship context, but at the same token do not so hamstring and handicap the court system as to make the practice very cumbersome and almost unworkable and the amendments that I am going to talk about now, which you will find on page 458 of the Legislative Journal, are those amendments that have been reviewed by the county judges, have found to be acceptable amendments to the bill, have been reviewed by the Nebraska Association for Retarded Citizens, found to be acceptable amendments to the bill and the Nebraska Bar Association has taken a total hands off position in respect to this legislative bill. What does the bill with these amendments