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LB 868

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is advanced. We will now take up 868.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to LB 868.

SENATOR CLARK: The Call is raised. The E & R amendments to 868. Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to 868.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment offered by Senators Fenger, Landis, Goll, Labedz, Wiitala, Beyer and Duda.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fenger, do you want to take the amendment?

SENATOR FENGER: Mr. President, Senator Landis was to take the amendment. He was on the floor just a few seconds ago.

SENATOR CLARK: Is Senator Landis here?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I assume that we are on the amendment which was offered under the signature of a number of my colleagues which is an attempt to negotiate a difficult and intricate problem. We have amended into LB 868 the authority for SIDs to collect and dispose of garbage or to contract for the disposal of garbage. At the public hearing on that issue SID representatives discussed the factors of safety and the numbers of trucks going through SIDs and perhaps cost savings. Following the hearing and while the bill was on Select File prior to this time, we had a number of questions from a wide variety of trash haulers in Omaha and Lincoln, fearful that this language would prompt large trash haulers into the field, running them out of business. At this point an attempt has been made to discuss and allay those fears and earlier today Senator Wiitala, Senator Beyer and myself introduced an interim study resolution giving the Urban Affairs Committee authority to examine SID powers including particularly garbage hauling. We will be studying it this summer. We have also asked in this amendment to delay the operative date of that grant of authority to May 1, 1983. This will allow the interim study to collect data and in the event this power needs to be refined by the passage of language declaring those kinds of contracts, which may be offered, which may set performance bonds standards, which may set the length of contract standards that may be utilized into that authority, all of this could occur prior to May 1, 1983. I have made the assurance to my colleagues that in the event a bill is drawn from the Urban Affairs Committee it will be the first bill heard by the Urban Affairs Committee next year in

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