

appearance of a witness, expert witness at preliminary hearing which deprives the defendant of the opportunity to cross-examine as to the validity of these tests. Which I think is a major step to take and I would think it would be controversial. I would ask that it be laid over.

PRESIDENT: It shall be laid over. LB743 shall be laid over. I have some announcements to make. We have 9 government interns from Urbandale High School. These interns are employed by the Iowa State Legislature observing the Nebraska Legislature in progress. The teacher is Darryl Beal. We are very happy to have you here today. We have also Representative Harold Sieh and wife, South Dakota Legislature. He and she are under the south balcony now visiting our session. We are very happy to introduce them at this time. Can you please stand? This is the first full day of session so this is the first afternoon of session. Budget Committee still in session.....

(End of Belt #6A)

(Begin Belt #7A)

so we do not have them present and therefore we have a limited number here but we are working on non-controversial bills at the moment because of the absence of this one committee. The bill is LB744.

CLERK: Read LB744. There are committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: The amendments merely provide for notice to the defendant when there's going to be disposition of some of his property....destruction when they're going to destroy any quantity of controlled substances which is the substance of this bill which Senator Schmit will explain. The amendment merely says they will give notice to the defendant.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? We'll have a voice vote. Those in favor of the committee amendments, say aye. Those opposed, say no. The amendments are adopted. Senator Luedtke. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The bill provides that the authorities can dispose of large quantities of a drug after, as it has been explained, due notice has been given. This precludes the necessity of keeping the entire amount, a large amount, of a confiscated drug around because of the storage problem that's involved and the possibility that it might get into the wrong hands. The bill provides that only that amount that is necessary for evidence in court be retained. The balance be destroyed. I move that the bill be advanced to E & R.

PRESIDENT: I still have the lights on up here for Senator Fellman, Senator Cavanaugh. Do you wish to speak? Okay, there's no discussion, therefore, we shall take a vote. Those in favor of advancing LB744 vote aye, those opposed, vote nay. Senator Whitney voting aye. We are voting to advance LB744. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill advances. The next bill is LB745.

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