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LB 539, 114

Mr. President, Senator Duis asks to print amendments to 539 in the Journal. That is all Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: The next order of business is LB 114. What is the status of the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 114 has been before the Legislature before, it was read on April 13th, considered again on April 20th bracketed until May 2nd, there were no committee amendments, there is now an amendment by Senator F. Lewis to read as follows (read amendment).

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator F. Lewis for an amendment to LB 114. What is the status of this bill Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President LB 114 has been before the legislature before. It was read on April 13th, considered again on April 20th, bracketed until May 2nd. There were no committee amendments. There is now an amendment by Senator Frank Lewis. (read amendment).

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis for an amendment to LB 114.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That baby is so old now I can't remember it. It was conceived in haste. Mr. President, I think that the argument has been and I'm not going to waste a great deal of time on this. There are those that advocate picking up litter as it related to litter crimes was certainly a viable alternative and I don't deny that. But, I think that if that is the punishment that we want to make for people that litter and I think that they deserve it, then I propose to you that that is what the Judge do with them. The substance of the amendment Senator Stoney as I recall it was that if somebody is convicted of littering then his punishment would be to pick up litter, and nothing would please me more than for judges to make that punishment suitable. I think that it would be interesting and worthy of a polaroid camera to take the picture of some of those who littered and who would have to pick it up. I can assure you that it would not just be young people. The thrust of the discussion up to the point when I offered that amendment was that young people were the culprits and they should be fined in this way. I suggest to you that much of the litter and I particularly would have invited you to watch the Saturday night television, had an opportunity to watch television for a couple of days and one of the articles was about the huge numbers of trucks travelling in and out of the Douglas County land fill dumping tons and tons of litter that take, I believe they said, Senator Chambers, two men twelve hours a week to pick that up. So, if you are serious about this proposal, I think that the amendment is intended to help parley it and is certainly not intended to harm the bill and I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: We are speaking to the Frank Lewis amendment. Senator Marsh then Senator Stoney then Senator Chambers. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: (microphone not activated) other members of the Legislature. Lets just suppose that the person who throws something