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LB 319

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the amendments that were adopted to LB 319 by the Committee are rather substantial. It's my understanding that Senator Schmit has spent considerable time subsequent to the hearing working on these amendments, and I'm sure that he can address them in their totality and more completely than I. But the amendments to LB 319 were proposed by the Department of Correctional Services to help in the clarification of the mechanics of this particular bill. The amendments do four things. They are specifically: Number one, provides that the workday should be 8 hours for the inmates. Two, it amends Section 81-1829 to follow the intent of the legislation making farm operations permissive rather than mandatory by the Department of Correctional Services. Number three, it removes the restriction that printed materials must be used for institutional use only, and the fourth and concluding accomplishment is that it clarifies provisions relating to inmates that work for other state agencies or private businesses. With this explanation I would move for the adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak to the Committee amendments? Okay. The motion is the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 319. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator Stoney if he would yield.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Okay.

SENATOR KOCH: In reviewing the Committee amendments, Senator Stoney, on Page 2, where you strike the language pertaining to printed material produced by the inmates that will not be on sale or sold in competition to the private sector, what is the justification for this? In other words, are we saying now that the printing industry of the penal institution, if it's of such quality that that can compete with the private sector of the printing industry in terms of selling a product?

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Koch, I believe that this is merely a matter of clarification. If you'll recall, we passed a bill late last session, I cannot remember the LB number...913 seems to stick, but it had to do with this particular subject, and I believe this is one of the