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LB 250, 302

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendment is adopted. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nebraska Commission for the Hearing Impaired has been providing services to the hearing impaired people in Nebraska for almost a year now and their track record is very encouraging but in the year of meetings they did come up with some changes and the committee amendments, of course, were added which they approve of. A couple of other changes, it reduces the number of meetings for a year from six to four and it changes the election for chairperson from every year to every two years. Also changes the wording where the Commission shall appoint the Executive Director to serve with the advice and consent of the Commission and it changes the language authorizing the Commission to maintain a list or statewide list of interpreters. Section 6 also removes the provision requiring the Commission on the Hearing Impaired to cooperate with the State Department of Education and changes it to any state agency having authority relating to the problems of the hearing impaired. These changes would allow the Commission on the Hearing Impaired to more adequately carry out its legislative mandate. I urge the advancement of LB 250 as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to advance the bill, LB 250, to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote. No, I am sorry. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. LB 302.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 302 (read title). The bill was read on January 19, referred to Public Works, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by the Public Works Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 302 was introduced by myself and heard by the Public Works Committee. With the committee amendments which are now before you we did work with the industry to try and work out some of their concerns. Although they supported