

PRESIDENT: We resume discussion on LB 548. What position were we in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, when we were considering 548 we left off the...a portion of the committee amendments had been adopted. Senator DeCamp had pending an amendment to the bill that you will find printed on page 273 of the Journal, it is offered by Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp had explained the amendment, had he?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: The DeCamp amendment is pending on LB 548, a revisor bill. Senator Landis, do you wish to speak on this point?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me remind you that at the end of yesterday's business session we brought up LB 548, a bill that moves from the general statutes to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Act, the provisions for conflict of interest for local political subdivisions. Apparently this bill trips a few of the statutory sections that my colleagues find near and dear to their heart. Senator Johnson wanted to solve a few problems with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Senator DeCamp has a proposal. I understand that if Senator DeCamp is successful Senator Beutler has a matching proposal following that one, and that we could be here on one of our all-day accountability and disclosure debates. If you will recall one, I think two years ago, it went for eight straight legislative hours as we threw out our favorite new rules. Unfortunately I happen to have to use these sections of laws in my bill because that is what I wanted to do, and now it becomes an open opportunity for everyone, and I can understand that. I would suggest to all of you, however, that the bill introduction period is not over. We've got 10 days for these good ideas to come forward and be stuck into a bill and had a public hearing upon. So, these General File amendments at this point really could be considered, if they are ideas, as perhaps well-grounded by taking them to a committee and allowing, say, oh, the public to have their say as to whether or not it is a good idea. I would like to say for the rest of the