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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Heard the motion. The question is advancement of LB 403. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. It is advanced. LB 298.

CLERK: (LB) 298, I do have E & R amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 298.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Question before the body is the adoption of the E & R amendments. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Coordsen would move to amend the bill. (AM0140 is found on page 413 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I should open by saying that I don't object to any of the language that is in LB 298. My question, though, that I am proposing to you this morning is that is it necessary to enact into statute stuff, stuff, ways of doing things that are available to both the committees and the individuals, members of the Legislature, today without LB 298? What my amendment does is to repeal Section 3 of the bill, and Section 3 provides that the Government Committee may make a recommendation to various and sundry people and, with the amendment that was adopted on General File, to the Program Evaluation Committee, if they decide or should determine that any board or commission that we have provided for and that is active in the state needs an evaluation. The reason that I propose to strike all of this language is simply this. Each member of the Legislature or each committee of the Legislature is absolutely free today to make a recommendation to the Program Evaluation Committee and, as a matter of fact, letters are sent out, at least on an annual basis if not more often, asking for ideas of agencies or programs that need to be evaluated. If Section 3 is left in and