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LB 108

first read on January 8th. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. There are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, LB 108 was introduced by the Business and Labor Committee. It establishes bargaining units for postsecondary education, the University of Nebraska, state colleges, and the vocational technical schools. The University faculty opposed this bill, and we felt, as a committee, that we should exclude the University of Nebraska. So I move that the committee amendments be adopted to exclude the University of Nebraska campuses.

PRESIDENT: All right, speaking to the committee amendments, Senator Newell, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm opposed to the committee amendments. We have a problem here and I think that possibly in order to save some time I am going to have an amendment up there which will deal with what is trying to be accomplished with this bill, and that is to allow the faculty at state colleges to have a statewide bargaining unit. I think if we can make it very specific to that point, Senator Maresh, that we will have no problems. We can push the bill on and so forth. Otherwise, I think we are going to have a problem in arguing whether or not this is the kind of precedent that we want to establish for all people, since the parties involved have agreed in this case, you know, if we make it specifically for that unit alone, I think we are in good shape but if we make it general, I think we may be establishing a precedent here that we really don't want to establish.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes...

SENATOR NEWELL: That's...I'd like to ask a question of Senator Maresh, would you be amenable to such an amendment, which I'm trying to...?

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, will you answer?

SENATOR MARESH: Senator, I have no objections to your amendments. The only thing that I was telling you a while ago that the Speaker did not wish to bracket bills, but if the Chair doesn't object to passing the bill over, I surely wouldn't...