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LB 65, 108, 127

Mr. President, Senator Newell asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 65 in the Journal and Senator Wesely asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 108 in the Journal. (See page 577 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. We are now ready to go to General File on LB 127.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 127 was a bill introduced by the Education Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 9. It was referred to the Education Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President, Madam President.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Madam Chairman, members of the body, this bill basically provides a safety feature for transporting of school children. As you know and you are witnessing, particularly this time of the year, severe fog and limited visibility. This type of a light is recommended for the additional safety of children, particularly in this kind of weather. It is a strobe light which has a very strong piercing radiation which allows individuals to more clearly detect that there is indeed a vehicle that is carrying children. This is not mandatory upon school boards but it is a permissive type of thing that school boards can use this type of light to insure and try to improve safety features of school buses in these kinds of weather conditions. I ask for the advancement of LB 127 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR MARSH: Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Koch, a question. Is legislation necessary or could this be done without it?

SENATOR KOCH: As I understand it, this came from the Department of Education, Senator Murphy, is that we need legislation for the purpose of adding this kind of a light because we do have virtually all kinds of emergency vehicles, other vehicles in terms of lights that we determine to be of effective use to those kinds of vehicles.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, may I ask a question or two, please?