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LB 500

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Marsh, being a freshman senator, and not knowing too much, could you explain to me the difference of the duties of the Affirmative Action Committee and Commission, and the office of Equal Opportunity?

SENATOR MARSH: I'd be glad to try, Senator Rex Haberman. Equal Opportunity Office is a depository for people who come to make complaints on something that has happened in the past. Affirmative Action is positive action. It is assistance to department heads. It is planning for affirmative action within various agencies. It is assistance with statistics so that one is an enforcement and one is not.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Could not the office of Equal Opportunity do these same things?

SENATOR MARSH: I think that's like saying, you, judge, be a policeman, and you be a judge all at the same time, and I think that's exactly the reason they were separated and not put into the same office, and I thank you for your question, because it's clarified on the floor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, we're ready to...are the amendments to the bill, are they the bill as a whole?

SENATOR KEYES: What was your question, Senator Marvel?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I want to know...we're ready to vote on a Committee amendments, so are they the bill, or are there other amendments?

SENATOR KEYES: No, they're the amendments to the bill. I have no other amendments to the bill at all.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 500. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We're now ready to talk on the advancement of the bill as amended, and Senator Cullan, do you wish to talk on the bill as a whole now?

SENATOR CULLAN: I would like to address some questions. I am unclear whether they should be addressed to Senator Marsh or Senator Keyes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you want to answer the