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LB 271

SENATOR LANDIS: I would and I think that LB 271, if amended by the committee amendments, would do exactly that. Section 80-401 provides criteria for exactly that purpose and the law would operate in that instance and they could serve on the Board of Inquiry if they did meet the criteria in that section.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have six minutes left on this particular bill. The Chair recognizes first, Senator Hefner to speak on the amendments and then Senator Stoney. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I now rise in support of the committee amendments. I didn't understand them as such before but with Senator Landis giving a real good explanation I think maybe this would perhaps be the best way to go so I support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have a question of Senator Landis if he would respond please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Landis, perhaps I wasn't listening as well as I should have been or hearing rather, and I am wondering with reference to the reinstatement of the language that is stricken, specifically as it refers to the Nebraska Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans. That is on lines 12 and 13 and then skipping down to 17 and 18, the reference to the department commander of United Spanish War Veterans in Nebraska. Now is this just a commission or are we talking about individuals that have served in this particular war because I wonder whether or not we have any that presently exist in the state still living?

SENATOR LANDIS: We have two living veterans. There is no organization. They do not qualify to serve on the Board of Inquiry and when this bill was passed they did qualify. They no longer meet the criteria, therefore, they do not have a representative on the Board of Inquiry any longer. One of the reasons is they do not have a fully staffed state headquarters and they do not meet the criteria.