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LB 598

Is there another amendment, did you say?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Did someone move to raise the Call...I heard over here. The Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely now moves to amend the bill and his amendment is found on page 461 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will read the amendment and then explain it to you. It is a very simple one although Senator Maresh had one equally simple and it looks like controversy is going to be rampant today, but let me read this amendment. It would read as follows: "The Revisor of Statutes shall establish an ongoing and comprehensive system to provide a continuing compilation of sections of the Nebraska statutes which the revisor believes to be obsolete or no longer needed. Preceding each legislative session, the Revisor of Statutes shall provide the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council with a list of such sections. The Executive Board may request that legislation be drafted to amend or repeal the obsolete sections and such legislation when introduced shall be treated as a Revisor of Statute's correctional bill." This is a fairly simple process, but it is something that we ought to be undertaking. Senator Hoagland has brought the question of obsolete statutes to our attention with the introduction of LB 741, which I commend him for taking that initiative. I had the same thought in mind this past summer and interim, and he was the one to proceed with it and introduce that legislation and I think it is a good bill. But the process is the real key and it is one that we ought to be institutionalizing here that, and we have many statutes in our laws that we don't need, that are taking up space, that are a waste of time, and the Revisor of Statutes in his capacity of drafting legislation and updating legislation sees many of these statutes and should take under this responsibility through this amendment to make sure that a bill is introduced to eliminate these sections of the law that we no longer need. People talk about too many laws. People talk about outdated laws, and the need to modernize our statutes. This is a step in that direction. This gives him the authority and the responsibility and the charge to undertake this initiative and the Executive Board is then given the option on whether