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LB 253

SENATOR DWORAK: I have an amendment on the desk which I will not ask the Clerk to read because it is a four or five page amendment. I want to compliment Senator DeCamp for his valid efforts in fighting litter. This bill now has been with us for the past two or three years. I am not suggesting that maybe this bill is one of the reasons that Falstaff is leaving the state, but that might be a possibility. But I want to say that I have noticed in driving back and forth from Columbus to Lincoln that with the successful passage and implementation of this bill, I have seen less bed springs in the ditch, less stereo tapes, less cardboard boxes, and quite a few...fewer overshoes and tennis shoes, trousers and other things that was really a concern in this body when we talked about the bottle and can bill. Unfortunately, however, I haven't seen less cans and bottles. They seem to proliferate. They seem to be a blight on our landscape like they have in the past and continue to do so. Certainly newspaper articles recently have indicated that Iowa has been very satisfied with their bottle bill, that the amount of litter in the ditches in the form of cans and bottles has diminished in Iowa with the bottle bill. So this amendment that is before us right now merely goes arm in arm with the present war on litter. It is commonly referred to as the bottle bill. I think it would be a good companion to the job that Senator DeCamp's initial legislation has so effectively taken out after, and I think it is worthy of consideration. It seems like right now we have a car going down the road with just the front two wheels and this gives them an opportunity to put the back two wheels on where we have a full chassis, so to speak, a full united attack against litter in all forms. So I would urge the adoption of this amendment which....

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak, your amendment is not up.

SENATOR DWORAK: It was on the desk.

SENATOR CLARK: No, there are two ahead of yours. Senator Hoagland's amendments are ahead of yours.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, there was no...we're not debating any amendment. Before we debate, wouldn't we take an amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: We will take Hoagland's amendments because they were filed first.

SENATOR DWORAK: Very good. Then what I have been....