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LB 129

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments and the Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: No closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins moves to rerefer the bill back to the Reference Committee.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, members of the body, first I think I had better tell you what my buddies, Nichol and Cullan, are really doing here. If you look at the original bill you see the original introducer was just good old Sam Cullan. Later, Senator Nichol, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, was added as a coinroducer. Now Senator Cullan has accused me of crystal ball gazing and talking about knowing in advance what his plans were. I want to read you just parts of an article from the Omaha World Herald regarding my LB 87 which as Senator Sam Cullan said the Judiciary Committee did advance to this floor but what Senator Cullan never told you was they gutted the bill that would have helped Omaha. They took out everything that Omaha had put into the bill and they advanced it and left only one thing, quasi public property and holding derelicts up to twenty-four hours instead of twelve. But in the Omaha World Herald when Senator Cullan's bill was heard before the hearing, this is what the World Herald said, "Cullan, as the lone spokesman for LB 129, said the public needs protection", now this is what he said when he introduced the bill to criminalize alcoholism or drunkenness. "He said he wasn't attempting to subvert alcoholism treatment reminding committee members he sponsored legislation in prior years to increase funding