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LB 296

SENATOR HABERMAN: My next question is, is this financial statement true when it says that it will cost us \$32,654,504?

SENATOR COPE: That is not true. You evidently were not in the room when I started. That was full implementation by....for homes, the bit. The bill has been changed. The fiscal impact is \$40,000 only.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you Senator Cope. Thank you Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I rise to support LB 296. It not only is a mechanism which will save lives it is a mechanism which can save property. It is helpful to know that the smoke detectors at the Marsh house work when you talk to long to a neighbor in the backyard. The smoke detectors go off before any damage is done except to the food that was left on the stove. This is a tool which is now available at a very modest cost. I urge your support of LB 296.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am usually against additional rules and regulations. However in this case I can see a need for it because we do have quite a few fires here in the State of Nebraska. Not only just destroying property but destroying and losing lives. I think a lot of times if we would have smoke detectors in certain areas of our property lives could be saved. This will cover apartments, hotels, dwellings and a lot of other buildings. I guess I would have a question for Senator Cope, if he would yield.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope, will you yield?

SENATOR COPE: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: I noticed on page five of the amendments you have 1 the case of a dwelling unit, guest room, hotel room, do you mean to include motel rooms too?

SENATOR COPE: Motel rooms are included.

SENATOR HEFNER: I was wondering if it wouldn't be better if we had the smoke detectors in the hallways rather than in the motel room itself or the hotel room.