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LB 478

SENATOR LANDIS: A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: State the point to the Chair, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Just for a point of information, I will over the summer prepare a bill which can have adequate hearing designed to do what the Landis-Peterson amendments did with respect to LB 478 and let the issue stand on its own merits. Those Senators who are interested in helping me arrive at equitable standards and equitable income guidelines can meet at any time over the summer and I will try to take the Revenue Committee also into account and into my confidence as I prepare that bill. I will just give the body notice that I intend to do that and there will be a bill on this topic next year designed to create an income standard for these sections under the homestead exemption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely moves to return LB 478 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Read Wesely amendment on page 1456, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I hope it is easier to pass than it is to read. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that was considered by the Lancaster County Assessor. Carol Broman brought it to my attention about a year ago. Essentially the present situation is such that we have, if you look at the bill, it talks about progressive neuromuscular disability. That provision some doctors feel includes the question of progressive osteoarthritis. Now what that is is an extreme case of arthritis where it is disabling to a point where you just hardly can function. You are essentially a hundred percent disabled and some people say that the neuromuscular provisions in the bill presently would cover that so some people are getting this exemption that have this progressive osteoarthritis. However, there are a number of people who are not because their doctor says, "No, it isn't covered". So there is a concern as to is it or isn't it covered and, you know, what is the situation as far as osteoarthritis goes and a lot of people are concerned about clarifying the situation and so I bring it to your attention and ask your support for that measure. And I think it should be considered in context to the broader