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LB 266

be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: The Vickers amendment is adopted. Senator Wesely, did you wish to close? Senator Cope, excuse me?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, naturally I support this bill, 266, one hundred percent. It ties in beautifully with the smoke detector bill. It is kind of a coincidence. We were both working on these bills separately for a long while before each other knew that we had bills that were somewhat similar. We thought once about putting them together but thought it would be better to keep them separate. Let me say this, give you just one or two statistics to prove that we need both bills in Nebraska. These are national but each year there is over 2.7 million fires in the United States and that is twenty times more deaths are caused by these fires than by all...than by floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes combined. Now if we can do, and we can do with bills like this, we can cut those deaths down. I think if we can pass these two bills in the Legislature this year, we are going to save many lives in Nebraska and that is important. Please vote for LB 266.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, are you going to close please?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. It is lunch time, Senator Fowler is getting hungry. I can hear his stomach. I would like to say that since the last bill concerned the cigarette tax in the smoking bill that Senator Cullan introduced, I think it is only appropriate that I say that where there is smoke there is fire and now we have my fire code bill and it is just working out terrific. So with the amendments and with the bill in the form it is at, I think you are going to see very, very positive results and would encourage your support for the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is, shall LB 266 be advanced from General File? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.