

in the evenings, I would be glad to respond to questions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely moves to amend the bill. (Read Wesely amendment found on pages 1542 and 1543, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, your light is on. Senator Wesely, do you want to?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment expresses a concern I have had now for three years in the Legislature. My first year down here I was fortunate enough to get a full time student intern through this program who was paid for the session and I did find that to be helpful but I also felt that perhaps some more could have been done in that area so I expressed a concern at that time that maybe we could do a better job of supervising these interns, get more work from them, and also at the same time provide them with more supervision that could help them learn more about the process. I think that we tried to look at that situation in 1979 and came to some changes in the system that ended up having committees using these student interns the next year, which was last year, so last year I did not have a student intern through this program. I can't speak to how it worked last year. This year again it was with committees. I got a half time person as Rules Committee Chairman and found that again it was very helpful but I was a bit concerned about the supervision side of it. In both cases of experiences I had, the question was who was in charge? Who is supervising the interns? Well, I think almost all of you have had some experience with one of these interns. They have been now lately been used only for committees. I think that in the past they were used for individual Senators. Sometimes they were used full time for a Senator, sometimes part time, but in any event, I think if you look at your own experiences you may find some that were positive and some that maybe weren't so positive. In any event, I think you can find that overall the program has not been as good as it could have been. There have been problems with supervision. I think that we are not getting as good a quality of work out of these individuals as we could. We are costing the State of Nebraska 42,000 and some dollars with these programs and I am not sure we are getting our dollar's value for that program. The program was started in 1974. It was an attempt at that time to provide some special assistance to Senators during the session when we really didn't have research aides which we now most