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LB 273

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Chambers who is excused this morning until he arrives. I do have...

SENATOR CLARK: We will pass over that one.

CLERK: Mr. President, then Senator DeCamp would move to return the bill for a specific amendment, to add this section, a severability section, Mr. President. (Amendment can be found on page 1920 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, do I have the E clause on this? Already?

SENATOR CLARK: Pardon?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Do I have the E clause on it?

CLERK: Senator, you just put it on with the last amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It was, okay, we put it on with the last one. Sorry I didn't tell you about that. Okay, I move...this is the severability clause and there was some wanted it on because LB 273 is, I guess, one of the Task Force's prime bills. It completely redoes, to answer Marge Higgins' questions, I think I had better address that just a trifle. At the present time, so it is argued, and from the information I get I have to believe it, at the present time the insurance situation of the State of Nebraska can be described as pure chaos. Some things we feel are insured twice. Some things are not insured. One person is going in this direction, another agency is going here. The University may be going another direction. We really don't know where we are. For example, you have got, I hate to even guess how expensive this building is here that we are sitting in, standing in, right in now. Yet we do not know the insurance situation on it at all. What we are doing is literally redoing the world in this state with respect to state handling of insurance. We are creating a centralized system and what is known as a risk manager. That is what insurance companies have. That is how they handle their business, whether it be a Mutual of Omaha or whoever. It is a boss at the top that has strictly got that responsibility to find out what the cheapest way to do things is, where you have insurance, where you don't need insurance, whether you should have a million dollar or two million dollar deductible on this building here, your whole picture. And then you would run it like a business instead of like a comedy which is the way we have been doing it. In the long term we expect it to save millions of dollars in insurance. As I say, right now we quite frankly don't know what is or isn't insured and some