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LB 488

please. Senator Goll, Senator Kremer, Senator Schmit, Senator Maresh, Senator Haberman, Senator Pirsch. Senator Sieck and Senator Goll are excused. Senator Kremer, Senator Schmit, Senator Pirsch. The Clerk will announce what we are voting on, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, we are voting on the DeCamp-Goodrich amendment to LB 488. Senator Koch, Senator Koch changing from yes to no. Senator Beyer changing from no to yes. Senator Fenger changing from no to yes. Senator Newell continuing to vote no.

SENATOR CLARK: Call the roll. Let's keep it quiet so he can understand, please.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on page 2279 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion failed. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves to amend the bill. (Read Chambers amendment as found on page 2279 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is an offer that you ought not be able to refuse. You already endorsed the principle of attaching the salaries of some people to that of the top dog so now we bring it to another category and we attach the puppy dogs salary to that of the big fido. Now, what can be wrong with this? You have LB 111 on Final Reading endorsing this principle. You do not want all of the constitutional officers to be given the same salary. The others below the Governor receive a lesser amount but there is nothing that indicates intrinsically any of these people are less worthy of a salary than the Governor but because the Governor's position is considered to be at the pinnacle, everybody has to receive a bit less. So let's not give them so much less that they feel insulted. In this society you are valued in terms of how much pay you receive. If we want full measure from all of these officers, and I am certain you could not get a single one to say he or she feels less worthy than the Governor, this is a way to deal with the situation of constitutional officers' salary from now on. You never have to worry about coming in here and perhaps having an auditor who has done something which offends you as the present auditor has done where I am concerned by cowering