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LB 652

SENATOR HEFNER: Do I see five hands? Senator Chambers, why do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only ones who have spoken on this amendment have spoken for it. Now if that is considered fair debate, then I know the rules we are under and I will leave it alone, but I am going to leave it to the Chair to make that determination. What I am suggesting is that there has not been debate on Senator Landis' amendment.

SENATOR HEFNER: The Chair will rule that we need a little more debate on this amendment. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I have got nothing to say. I am just waiting to do something on the bill.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. President. I hope the body is beginning to realize that what we are playing here is a game of chess. One person is checkmating another and another move is made to checkmate the other person and back and forth we go. This bill, LB 652, should have stuck with the original compromise in committee. After all, we had three bills in committee to consider but instead the committee on weak votes decide to compromise the compromise and that is all we have done here today is compromise on top of compromise until LB 652 is becoming about as notorious as LB 472A. Really, after all the bloodletting that we have seen here on the floor today, bleeding this bill to death, I hope this body has come to realize that what we truly need is a compromise, not a bill that moves the direction of one certain group's favor or moves in another direction in another person's favor. I truly believe that what we need to do is go back to the original compromise and that does not include offering a blank check to certain schools that operate within our state and that, colleagues, is in effect what we have done with LB 652 as amended. We have not drafted only a piece of legislation here on the floor but we have drafted a blank check with no safeguards in it, with no oversight, and with a sunset provision, as I mentioned earlier, sets the sun on a long tradition of Nebraska education. I have nothing further to say, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am going to try to restate what Senator Landis' amendment is for those of you who may not have picked it up