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anything to do with it we think it is proper to merge them with no problems and that's it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator DeCamp, do you think that the two are compatible now and will cause no problems?

SENATOR DeCAMP: In my opinion, yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I rise to support the intent of particularly LB 738. I do this because several years ago, and I think many of you remember it, Senator Mills and myself along with a lot of others had similar legislation where we wanted to provide a tax credit but obviously at that time not too many people thought it was wise because it didn't gain too many votes. In fact, we sent a constitutional amendment to the people of the state to also consider this same consideration, but again the people denied it. But I think it is time that if we do indeed want to supplement our fossil fuels that we have to offer some kind of incentive which is going to promote those kinds of systems which do indeed supplement fossil fuel and help to prevent us from using it at a greater rate than what needs to be. I would offer that sometime in the future if this bill passes that we should emulate Minnesota because Minnesota now has and they have had it in place for several years this same kind of system but they do have sort of an underwriting of all those kinds of systems that have met approval in terms of what they are supposed to provide in terms of energy saving devices and I think that would be an appropriate safeguard to prevent certain kinds of individuals and entrepreneurs from coming into Nebraska and offering us certain kinds of devices that may indeed not perform to the standards that they maintain they would perform to. I support LB 738 and I will have a hand-out coming to you in just a little bit on what I think the merits of the bill could be. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to close? The question is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the DeCamp, Wesely, et al amendment.