

is not passed. And so I offer this to the body to allow this particular activity and provide the exemption as listed.

SENATOR LOWELL JOHNSON PRESIDING

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Conway. The Chair recognizes Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Johnson, and members, as a member of the Agriculture Committee, we heard this bill and it looks like a very laudable thing to do to be able to have the bed and breakfast people have it be genuinely their home when they're entertaining travelers from across the United States. And I wholeheartedly support this bill and would ask your support in taking it to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I would concur with everything that Senator Conway and Elmer have said on this bill. I think they have covered the points that I was going to make so I won't be redundant. I would just offer to the body that if the bill is not passed, it appears that the Department of Agriculture, as of July 1, will have to begin enforcing their regulations on many of these bed and breakfasts, which will, in all likelihood, close many of them. So I think that it's very important that we pass this bill in order to preserve the bed and breakfast efforts that are going on. And the committee passed this bill out unanimously and I think we endorse the idea of the bed and breakfast concept and we're going to try and work as best we can with those folks to make sure that they are successful and profitable. So I would support the bill.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Johnson. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Conway...or members of the body, Senator Conway, would you respond to a couple of questions, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: For you, certainly.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does LB 548 remove the bed and breakfast establishments from being established...from being examined by