

adoption of the Hefner amendment to LB 315. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1052 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Senator Wehrbein would move to amend the bill. (See AM2740 on page 1052 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, and members, this is an amendment that you have on your desks that is handed out, amendments to LB 315, the amendment AM2740. It has been handed out and, frankly, it is difficult to see where this fits in because it is on some of the amendments that we have covered previously this morning and it is not yet printed. It was part of Senator Hall's amendment this morning, but it nearly is freestanding in the fact that it is fairly self-explanatory I think what it does, but I want you to understand that it is not...you can't fit it into what you probably have in front of you yet at this time because it has not been printed. What this does, I am not going to claim to be an expert on this but it is something that made sense to me that any employer which is subject to federally mandated or regulated drug and alcohol testing program for any part of its work force shall be exempt from the provisions of such sections if the employer applies the procedures and so forth. The intent of this, and particular reference perhaps could be to railroads where they are operating across the country under federal standards working in many states, that they would not necessarily need to be subjected to individual state mandates but would be part of the federal standards, and that is what this amendment simply intends to do. It would keep a railroad from being fragmented in this case to each individual state laws and would simply give the priority to federal law. That is the basis for this amendment. It was not added in committee as was intended. I felt it deserved to be heard and, therefore, I have brought this to you for