

along partisan lines. When I looked at the results on my previous amendment, I found an interesting thing, that that amendment was defeated 19 to 21. Every vote against the amendment was a Republican vote, every one of them. There were no Democratic senators who voted against the amendment. There were some Democratic senators who voted...were not voting or were excused, but there was not one Democratic senator who voted against the amendment. All of the Republican senators voted against the amendment. I would hope we would put the partisan thing aside and just say, look, what is best for the state? Not what is best for the Governor's image, or not what is best for the party structure in the State of Nebraska, but what is fair and reasonable for the people of our state and the taxpayer of our state? And I would hope that you would lay aside those kind of strictly partisan interests, strictly philosophical interests, and just ask yourself, is this an amendment that is worthy of being put on the bill? And I think it is fair. It is simple. It is direct, and it would have a lot of advantages and, for those reasons, I would ask you to vote for it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend the bill. (See AM3140 on pages 1544-46 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we hold it down now so that we could hear the speakers, please. Thank you. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Just recently passed out to you on your desks is AM3120. That is what I will be talking about, although 3120, rather than having it reprinted, has an additional clause included. It is filed on the desk. The amendment I am talking about running is, in essence, 3120 plus there is also a two-year sunset provision is the only thing that is different in what is on the desk than what you have in front of you. So it did not make it worthwhile reprinting that much of an adjustment and that much of a change.