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LB 167

would like to direct the Senators' attention to the area under the north balcony. Special guests today of Senator Carol Pirsch are Laura McManus and William Brown from Omaha. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the chambers today. Thank you. LB 167.

CLERK: Madam President, the first item are E & R amendments. (See page 2144 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 167.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wesely would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1711 in front of me. (See page 2189 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

CLERK: Journal page 2189, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: All right. Madam President and members, this amendment is an attempt on my part to offer what I thought was a reasonable compromise on the issue. I was concerned about, this is the plan that had the various self-funding mechanisms that the local subdivisions could be involved in on health insurance. And what was originally proposed was essentially that self-funded plans are primarily going to be used to meet deductibles so that the employee doesn't have to pay all the deductible and so that the plan would set aside a certain amount of money and when an employee, and that's a deductible of say 500 or 1,000 dollars, and when an employee needed to use a plan then the subdivision would pay the deductible instead of the employee at a certain level. Some arrangement would be made. But then, by doing so, the subdivision would save more money than it would cost to pay the deductible and they came out ahead on the deal. And there's not much objection to that concept because it's an accounting mechanism that will save money and I, of course, see no problem with that. I think saving money for subdivisions is wise. It's the more open-ended deductibles that