

that this is an amendment doesn't in the least restrict the use of this technique. I could just as easily have made it a bill, in fact, we do this very thing. An example are the bills that are currently running through the Legislature that govern state chartered credit unions and savings and loans. In these bills, we simply reference the federal laws governing federally chartered credit unions and savings and loans and make them part of our state statutes. We do this with absolute blind feith that the federal laws are constitutional under our State Constitution and that the federal laws reflect the attitudes of the people of the State of Nebraska in the manner in which we want our credit unions and savings and loans to operate. I understand that in order to facilitate the pace of legislation we sometimes take shortcuts. I would urge the body to consider whether or not these are corners that we wish to cut. I think it's time that this practice be reconsidered and that this Legislature take the time to ensure that the actual language to be enacted into law is made a part of the bills before us. I could just as easily have cited foreign law or law from any other state and I could have done this as a bill instead of an amendment. I think I've made my point and, therefore, I withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. The amendment is withdrawn. Any further discussion on LB 296? Senator Hall, discussion on 296.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, yes, and specifically on the point that Senator Hudkins raises because the argument she makes is that somehow this is misleading to folks, that the way the bill is drafted and, frankly, the bills have to be drafted this way. If we did not draft bills in this manner, if we did not look and list repealed sections, for example, in bills because there are a number of different proposals, if we go through and look at the various bills and you look at the last paragraph in those bills and it talks about any number of sections that would be repealed, if we were to basically say that we are going to now list everything out that is impacted one way or another in terms of legislation, you can plan on getting four or five times the number of bill books that you have on your desk in order to accommodate that. And it is not in any way, shape or form an attempt to mislead or misguide the public. It's the way we have to do business. We don't spell out everything in the bills, on the floor, in committee hearings, in the transcript. If all that material were compiled