

think it's a little bit silly to put them in there when I think the court will strike them anyway. And it doesn't do anything for our reputation in this body when we have to go home and see our constituents and talk about the bills and the kind of peculiar and funny things that we did in them and then later have the court tell us that they were funny and silly and they're not going to abide by them anyway. And then we get criticized because we don't know how to draft bills and we don't know how to make public policy in the State of Nebraska. Well, a lot of times I get that kind of criticism and I just have to shrug and say I didn't notice it, but this one I did and at least I'll be able to go home and say that I tried to change it, and when the court strikes those provisions, maybe I'll be still in this body and will tell you I told you so. I don't know if there will be any satisfaction in that. I generally do not believe the provisions, even if you can interpret them in the way the drafters intend them to be interpreted, mean anything, they won't do anything, they are clutter and we just as well remove them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question before the body is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to LB 830. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 14 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Wickersham amendment fails.

CLERK: Senator Withem, back to your series of amendments, Senator. Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend with AM0595. (Withem amendment appears on pages 842-43 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President, let me explain this amendment. It's actually a series of what hopefully will not be terribly troubling amendments one way or the other. They were drafted out of my office; when it came down to get them filed, I signed on to them. In practice they are a combination of amendments filed by, recommended by Senator Hartnett and by Senator Beutler. I would yield the first portion of my time to Senator Hartnett and would ask him if he would be so kind as to yield