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LB 661

question before the body is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to LB 661. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The Kristensen amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Smith, for...excuse me, Senator Kristensen, to speak to the bill, to the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you, Mr. President and members. And I don't want to take a tremendous amount of time but I...I had a request from a couple of people who said, I was busy eating and I just wanted to know in summary what was happening with this piece of legislation, and so I'm going to take a few minutes to do this, and if it's a repeat for some of you, I'm sorry. Y2K is the problem that computers...and it's when they turn over on the year 2000, and actually it may...there may be problems that occur on the 9th month of the 9th year of 1999. That would be September 9th, because if you look at the date codes on all these computers, it's the month, the year, and with little slashes and that's called a date code. And when it shows all nines, that's an indication to many computers that they are supposed to just end and shut down, so that's a problem. December 31st of 1999 is a problem, as well as the very next day which is January 1st, 2000. The problem is the computer doesn't know whether to read it as the year 2000 or 1900. There are several other dates throughout the next, really, year and into the...December 31st of the year 2001 appears to be that last date, because you want to make sure that the year after the change there is 365 days. I don't know how serious that one is but, evidently, that's the one that has some explanations or some exposure to it. What we're going to do now in the way that the bill has been amended and is out there, there are two people who...or two groups of people who are protected. One of them is the political subdivisions of the state. They are not going to