

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 21, 2003 LB 308, 418

plants. We've also learned that the duties of these positions are by and large being conducted by the same person. To ensure that good work can continue, we decided to merge the provisions of LB 308 into LB 418. The committee felt that the combining and codifying of statutes would be in the best interest of those who benefit from the acts performed under them. That the committee amendment that we...was adopted unanimously. There was no opponents to either bill. And therefore, I ask for your support to...support on LB 418 as amended. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Those wishing to speak on the committee amendment...but before I do that, I would like to announce that the apples that are being passed out are in honor of Senator Hudkins on her birthday. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Connealy on the committee amendments

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. I support the committee amendments. I think that the Legislature did a really good job with this, putting a coordinator in place to watch the Workers Bill of Rights. Jose Santos has done a really good job with this. And I think that we have put out a good signal to the meatpackers and to their employees from the Legislature when we did this. And I am encouraged that we're going to continue this in Department of Labor. And I want to support the committee amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Bromm on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to rise also in support of the committee amendments. I don't know if I indicated that in the opening. So I'm...appreciate the work of the committee, and I support the amendments which rewrite the bill.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Vrtiska, seeing no other lights on the committee amendments, would you like to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you. Obviously, I also rise to support the amendment as it's...the bill as it's been amended, because I think it does the things that are necessary and really should be