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AM0628. (Legislative Journal page 704.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Beutler, on his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this amendment is a technical amendment that cleans up a statutory penalty provision that is out of date given the recodification of the criminal code. Even though that recodification was done a long time ago, apparently this one didn't get cleaned up. So all it does is to put the penalty provision in modern form. It doesn't change the intended seriousness of the penalty in one way or the other. It simply makes the penalty, I think, usable. And I've run this by Senator Stuhr. I think she's agreeable to it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair would recognize Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I thank Senator Beutler for researching this amendment, and certainly do support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Further discussion? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Only to say, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I do thank Senator Stuhr for the opportunity just to clean up this bit of language. It doesn't have to do with her bill, but it's in the same section as her bill, that her bill affects. And I really appreciate it when people are willing to clean up the statutes as we go through them, even though it takes a couple of minutes longer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question is the adoption of AM0628 to LB 150. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.