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LB 596, 643

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 596 does advance. Mr. Clerk, we will go to LB 643.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 643 was a bill introduced by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) Introduced on January 22 of this year, referred to Urban Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on LB 643.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, during the 1902 (sic) Session, legislative session, we learned that the IBC would no longer be updating or publishing their current codes, specifically the Uniform Building Code, CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code, and the BOCA code. These codes are currently part of our state building codes. The intent of LB 643 is to bring our state statute into line with this situation by repealing the statutory citation to these codes, which have been superseded by the International Building Code, 2000 edition, and add appropriate reference to that code and the International Residential Code. Section 71-6406 provides that local political subdivision may enact a local building code as...so long as it adopts the state building codes. The statute requires that the code be regularly updated and provide that the code be...will be considered to have been updated if the most recent edition of that code has been adopted within two years of publication. Because the IBP is a replacement and not a new edition of the code currently cited in our state building code, it is important to provide the local cities, villages, and counties with authority to adopt that code. And that's what the bill does. And there's committee amendments to it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Mr. Clerk, we have committee amendments.

CLERK: I have Urban Affairs Committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1845, Legislative Journal page 1744.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on