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LB 454

Cunningham, Senator Byars, Senator Johnson, Cornett. Senators Engel and Brashear. Senator Schrock and Senator Raikes. Senator Stuthman and Senator Beutler, as well as Senator Bourne. Senator Stuthman and Senator Bourne, please report to the Chamber. Senator Bourne and Senator Brashear. All members are present. The vote is whether to adopt FA548 to AM1238. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed, nay. Senator Chambers has requested a roll call vote. Please call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 966-967.) 7 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: The amendment is not adopted. (Visitor introduced.) The call is raised. Senator Chambers, you are recognized. Sorry. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend his amendment with FA549. (Legislative Journal page 967.)

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Chambers, to open on amendment, FA549.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. You notice that I didn't offer a reconsideration motion, but as we go on, then that will be a hat pulled out of...a cat pulled out of the hat. In this amendment, on page 1 in line 5, after the word "war," I'm going to insert some words, because as I stated, on the chance that this amendment might be adopted, it should read properly. This amendment relates to the possible condition of war, or state of war existing between the...that is declared...I meant, the United States or the state of Nebraska is at war. And this additional language would say, "which shall have been formally declared by the Congress of the United States." Before there legally should be a war, according to the U.S. Constitution, Congress should declare it. We know that there have been individuals sitting in the White House who have no respect for the Constitution. And Congress is so toothless and spineless, that they go ahead and abdicate their responsibility, and will allow a usurper sitting in the White House to do that which Congress is supposed to do. America