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CLERK: 33 ayes, 12 nays, 4 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Did you pick up Senator Dickinson?

CLERK: Senator who?

PRESIDENT: Dickinson.

CLERK: Senator Dickinson voting aye ... changing from not voting ... or changing from nay to aye..Senator Dickinson. 34 ayes, 11 nays, 4 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 667 passes on Final Reading. Please read LB 861, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to return LB 861 to Select File for a specific amendment. To strike the enacting clause. Signed, Senator Skarda.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, I'm stuttering early this morning. I haven't had anything to drink either. Anyway I'm asking to list a little about the information I'd like to reveal to you. I'm bringing it back for a specific reason, to enable myself the privilege to be able to talk. Then I'm going to ask that my motion be withdrawn. Can I proceed?

PRESIDENT: You have a right to make a motion to bring it back.

SENATOR SKARDA: Alright sir. Two or three years ago this honorable body requested that I make an appointment for them to go through Falstaff Brewery. I think Vince Brown can very vividly recollect the instance. I was gracious enough to do that for the members of the body. After I got home and the session was over, some young lady from the World Herald called me and said "Senator Skarda, was the party at the Falstaff Brewery instigated for the particular purpose of killing the Oregon Bill or the can bill", which was quite controversial here several days ago. I said "Absolutely not". The word was never mentioned when we were there at that function ... social affair ... was the gracious ... these people were in business in Omaha and would like to show their brewery to the members of the Legislature like any good industry would in the State of Nebraska. That was kind of forgotten and forgiven. Recently an article appeared in the editorial page of the World Herald. I got a copy of it. This letter was written by a man I want you to bear this in mind. It's Public Service Officer for the Game Commission. He made some direct reference to people being involved and purporting me to vote as I did, one was Continental Can, the other was Falstaff Brewery. Gentlemen, as God be my judge, I never heard from either one of them. I based this decision, for being against the bill as I have throughout the time I've been in this Legislature, is primarily because of the federal governments position and not wanting the states to