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LB 192

legislation to address the problem to include energy efficiency in existing housing stock; LR 96 by Senator Fowler calls for a study of the impact of the federal budget cuts on postsecondary, elementary, and secondary educational services; LR 97 by Senator Fowler calls for a study of the impact of the federal budget cuts on the human services across the state; LR 98 by Senator Fowler calls for a study of the need to provide interpreters for those individuals unable to communicate in the English language; LR 99 by Senator Fowler and Chambers calls for a study to study the need of development of a state medical examiner system in the State of Nebraska. Those will all be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President.

SENATOR HABERMAN: We will pass over LB 174 and the next bill we will take up will be LB 192 with the emergency clause. It is a Revenue Committee bill to change provisions of cigarette tax. I believe Senator Warner is going to handle this.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, first motion I have is by Senator Warner. Senator Warner would move to return LB 192 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1924.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this may sound like a rerun in a sense on the discussion on General File but what the motion does is we would retain the distribution of that one cent gas tax, the same...of cigarette tax, the same as in the current appropriation which allowed \$820,000 to go for these grants together with the half a million that goes to...included in that is the half a million to Eppley and the purpose of the motion is pure and simple to defer for one year the additional \$900,000 so it can be used in the general fund and help ease some of the revenue problems that we have. When this first came up on General File I don't think the revenue picture was as bleak as it is now and it is a chance for you to consider deferring it for one year more and have that \$900,000 to help defer some of the other expenses or provide some of the additional revenue that we are looking for to already fund an austere budget. So that is the purpose of the amendment, none other. It does not wipe it out, merely defers it for one more year.

SENATOR KAHLE PRESIDING

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SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, let me say initially that I admire Senator Warner for many of