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LB 653A

may we have your cooperation if you wish to vote please. Motion is to cease debate on the amendment now under discussion offered by Senators Johnson and Wesely. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted please on the motion to cease debate? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate is closed. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I want to move this very quickly at the request of Senator Nichol who supports this measure. I first have to have the rule suspended that takes 30 votes and then we will quickly adopt the amendment on 653. I ask you indulgence to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to suspend the rules to take up the amendment that has been under discussion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Thirty votes are required. You are voting on the suspension of rules to take up an amendment to 653A, add an amendment on. Have you all voted? Thirty votes are required. Please record your vote if you wish to vote on the motion to suspend the rules to put an amendment on 653A.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: We can avoid a call of the house, Mr. Speaker...

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 4 nays, on suspension of the rules to consider the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended and the Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have attempted to explain this amendment fairly carefully. I will quickly go through it one more time. Number one, the amendment...the amendment does this, as you remember the federal government will eliminate an eight cent cigarette tax October 1, 1985. At that point the State of Nebraska will pick up the same eight cent cigarette tax and put that money into the cash reserve fund. It is not earmarked Senator Higgins, I'm not changing any of the current cigarette tax earmarking, none whatsoever, but the