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LB 320, 379, 408, 513, 685, 759, 806

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute and fifty-three seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Hartnett. I couldn't improve on what Senator Hartnett said. I believe my rural colleagues are going to help carry this nag across...I meant this Arabian across the finish line. (Laughter) And my final comment to Senator Redfield. She did mention what they call the marriage penalty. If two people live together unmarried they get a break by filing as individuals. If they marry then they are penalized for it and don't get the benefits. That's why, Senator Redfield, you ought to talk to Senator Smith and Senator Foley about why we should not be opposed to gay marriage, because if they're married they will pay more taxes, whereas living in sin they get benefits and are subsidized. Thank you, Madam President, and I strongly support this bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Hartnett. The question is the advancement of LB 379 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 16 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 379.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The bill advances. And we will now go to the spot on the agenda of LB 320. Senator Stuhr. And I do raise the call, too. Senator Stuhr, you're recog...oh, we have some items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Preister, an amendment to LB 759; Senator Wehrbein to LB 408. Enrollment and Review reports LB 685, LB 806, LB 513 to Select File. And I have notice of hearing regarding a resolution, Madam President. (Legislative Journal pages 1655-1656.)

LB 320, a bill by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Retirement Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM0805, Legislative Journal page 899.)