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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Warner I certainly support the bill as a former member of the planning commission for the city of Bellvue, although which you probably realize where in this area the problem is the greatest. The thing that I would oppose if there would be those that would want to lower that from 5 to 3 years. I think that one of the things that we constantly face was the fact that people buying up the property and then selling it all. The intention of this bill in my judgment is to protect the guy who is farming his land and wants to continue to farm his land. I think that the five year provision makes some arrangement to make sure that the speculation doesn't occur. It is going to do a couple of other things. The first thing that a person does when he buys the land, he comes up and wants it zoned commercial, which increases the value and then he continues his agriculture, so you have taken care of the first part of the problem. But I think that if you would lower this from five to three I think that you would again hurt the intent of the bill and the intent of the bill in my judgment is to protect the first person who has land that he has used for agricultural purposes and wants to continue to use it. I am not interested in protecting a guy who comes in and wants to buy land, speculate it and three years later sells it as a profit. I think that the intention of the bill and what people are voting for is to protect the interest of people who have for a long time been involved in agricultural operations. That is my final speech for today, political speech number seven.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the bill now? Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Warner do you care to close on your bill?

SENATOR WARNER: I'll waive closing Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there any other amendments to the bill? The question is then, you have no closing then, right Senator Warner? OK, the question is shall LB359 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R Initial all those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. You are voting to advance LB359 as amended from General File to E & R initial. Please indicate your preference. Senator F. Lewis please punch off your white light. Thank you. Once again the Chair would ask have you all voted? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I'll have to ask for a call of the house, if I....

PRESIDENT: Alright, the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays and 21 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Bill is advanced. That brings up for General File consideration LB396, Senator Whitney's bill. Senator Marvel did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR MARVEL: A....

CLERK: Oh, this is the next one. Mr. President, Senator Marvel has a request to ask unanimous consent to bracket 323 for 124.

PRESIDENT: 323?

SENATOR MARVEL: It is on General File Mr. President, and I have an amendment which I would like to have printed in the Journal and take up the bill on the 24th instead of the 17th?

PRESIDENT: 323 you want to hold until the 24th?

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