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LB 398

PRESIDENT: Alright, Speaker Marvel, do you now want to start back on Agenda Item 6? Is that the order? The Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think the order has been completely demolished. I really can't answer the question.

PRESIDENT: I would concur.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I suggest you start with the motions with LB 398 and work down, but we definitely will stop before we get to number 7. Hopefully tomorrow we'll at least get one of the special order bills out of the way before we debate some more.

PRESIDENT: Alright, we will proceed then with Agenda Item #6, LB 398. Do you want the Call...are you sure you want the Call raised? Alright. I guess...unless you want to vote on it. Do you want to vote on raising the Call? No, alright. You can call yourself back. The Call is raised. Mr. Clerk, we have a motion to return, is that it? Is that the motion, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, the motion is to return LB 398 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is on Page 1870 and it's offered by Senator DeCamp and Reutzel.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel, are you going to handle this? The Chair recognizes Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President and members of the body, I move that we return 398 to the specific amendment. The Pages are handing out the amendments right now. Now lest anyone be deceived, I didn't sell out on this thing. I am still not going to vote for LB 398 no matter what form it's in. But if we are going to pass this bill, I think it's only correct that we get at least some semblance of order into it, some rationale. The reason my name is on this amendment, even though there is an increase in some of the salaries, six percent plus another six percent over present salaries for two years...the reason my name is on this amendment is because we are reducing the rural county judges as you can see from the handout. Now the reason I think this is important is because if we look at what we've done with 398, and I think it was an ill-conceived bill to begin with, and again I am not going to vote for 398, but I think it's important that we look at this and look at