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LB 365

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed. The next bill, 365. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to hold that bill over for a while.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Did you ask unanimous consent to pass over it? There is an objection.

SENATOR LEWIS: I move, Mr. President, to pass over LB 365.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is... The motion before the House is the motion to pass over LB 365.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. Speaker, will that require 30 votes?

SPEAKER MARVEL: 25. In absence of specific rules the vote is 25.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Can I speak to that motion?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Certainly. Just a moment. Yes, Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just can hardly think of what I should say first but I think most of you know what has been going on on the floor for the last couple days. I don't want to use any names but yesterday, because of my vote on the state aid to education, I can't say I was threatened but I was told that if I didn't vote for the state aid to education, their vote would be withdrawn from the Omaha city sales tax. I, for one, refuse to be threatened with inuendoes and threats like I have been yesterday and today. Today a second Senator came up to me, said the very same thing. Now the rest of you people, there are Senators that have been voting against the Omaha city sales tax, ought to see and hear what is going on and give us a vote here not to postpone this another day. If you are, then you are agreeing what has been going on. I don't know if you have been threatened but I have twice. I did get an apology from the Senator and he said he was sorry, he did it in a fit of anger, but now I am angry because he apologized and then the next day he does exactly what he said he was going to do. I refuse to have him do it. I urge each and every one of you to vote against his motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell and then Senator Keyes. Senator Newell. We are speaking to a motion to lay over the bill.