

good thinker on what the reasons are but as a practical matter, if it happens to fail and it means a lot to a lot of people, three, four hundred thousand people for sure directly. If she happens to fail it then takes 30 votes to breathe life into it and even Lazarus would have a difficulty on this one on, this year at this time. So reluctantly, rather than take the risk, I go along for a day of laying it over, even though I think now is probably the best time with everybody here, only because I am not going to sacrifice that bill on some technicality or something. I guess I wish this hadn't happened and I wish I weren't sitting here in the middle on the horns of a dilemma but I sure as blazes am and I am just trying to figure a way out of it. So, unless Senator Lewis wants to withdraw his motion...Senator Lewis want to withdraw his motion...unless Senator Lewis would want to withdraw his motion...which he isn't indicating a real desire to do, I guess I would agree with the sponsor, for my part, to show we can be accommodating and, Bernice is a co-sponsor. There is no question about that. She had her name added to the bill and I admire her and thank her for it. I would agree to let it sit there a day but remember, you know you can take the old cow and milk her too far and she will lay over and die one of these days or bite you back.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Lewis. I have let this debate go on. There have been some calls for the question, but, go ahead, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, first of all, let me tell you that it is not my nature to issue threats and all of you know that and if I happened to say something it was probably in the heat of debate for which I would certainly apologize for because I don't do it that way. There are five or six and I want to lay the cards out, I want to be honest with you. There are five or six substantive issues floating back and forth in terms of finance here that are not resolved yet. We just talked about one. I have been a long proponent and supporter of looking at all those things that affect finance and try to look at them all within some degree of closeness, in terms of some degree of looking at the A bills and, Senator Warner, I supported holding all A bills until we got the budget bill down. The long time finance in the next year for the citizens of Omaha is going to be centered around the fact of what we do with other pieces of legislation. It is not a question of just another half cent tax rate. We had amendments offered by a strong state aid supporter,