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SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker, aren't we changing your order when we are laying a bill over?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have ruled that you aren't. I have to stick with that, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch, and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, I think this is a lesson in futility and I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. Shall debate cease is the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis for purposes of closing.

SENATOR LEWIS: Distinguished President, let me again respond to some of the harsh criticism. First of all, Senator Hefner, based on his voting record, I have never threatened him because I have never got his vote yet, so that is a moot question and I certainly assure every member of this body I haven't talked to him in the last three days or for two weeks about voting on a bill that I was interested in. So somebody else might have threatened him but I certainly haven't. His position is pretty clear. So now we got that issue out of the way so that you understand it and I thought you all understood it when he was making a speech. Again I say to you in all seriousness, that we get down this way every once in a while, that if we want to play brinkmanship, that is fine with me. I think it is important to the citizens of Omaha in terms of them knowing exactly where their tax rates are based on the actions of this Legislature. Based on the action of this Legislature, we are in an absolute state of flux right now in terms of where we are with appropriations. No question about that. The tax rate may be more, may be more than 4%. It could be 4½% depending on what happens here. I am not asking to defeat the bill. I am asking that we lay it over and vote on it at a later time. Like Senator Carpenter used to say, if you got 25 votes, come on, and that is what Senator Labeledz is saying. That is what Senator Goodrich is saying. I am asking you legitimately and fairly to lay the bill over. That is entirely up to you and we will just have