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SPEAKER MARVEL: I am sorry but the...

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, I will start over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Just a moment. The House is under Call and will the legislators please take their seats before we can proceed? No. Okay, Senator Simon, the floor is yours.

SENATOR SIMON: Well in the spirit of compromise, Mr. President, and fairness, I am just going to take two minutes, Senator Labeledz. As a matter of fact I might only take a minute and forty five. I would merely suggest that if we proceed to take a vote on this issue that you will find yourself, Senator Labeledz at about 22 or 23 votes. I may be mistaken but I have a lot less to lose on this issue than you do. I oppose the bill. That's right. I am trying to protect you from what I think is a bad judgement on your part. I would suggest that since there are individuals who have supported this legislation that have expressed concerns whether they be legitimate or otherwise, that those people that do support this legislation honor those. Now I think that bringing the bill back for the specific amendment to indefinitely postpone it, we can just fail to advance the bill to Final Reading and take care of it for a day. If you don't do that, that is fine with me, Senator Labeledz, and I certainly will not be the one that will be accused of voting against the sales tax bill and it will not be my vote but it will be your own sheer stupidity and bullheadedness that caused this bill to be defeated. So let the cards fall where they may.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler, do you wish to be recognized on Senator Simon's motion?

SENATOR FOWLER: I think that really what Senator Simon is attempting to do in many ways is to get some additional time on this bill. I am one of the people that I did vote at one time to advance it from Select File. I could not be comfortable voting now on Final Reading on this bill without getting an idea of what the total state revenue picture is, what the state sales tax is, what the fate of 285, the lid bill, is and therefore, as one person kind of maybe, in the middle on this issue I would appreciate more time. If the supporters of the bill do not wish to do that, then I just wish to explain my position and I know I can be perfectly comfortable that there will be no reprisals and no repercussions from Omaha to the City