

Insurance gives notice of public hearing for Monday, January 28. That is signed by Senator DeCamp. (See page 350 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: All right, we are now ready then for agenda item #8, Special Order, for thirty minutes, which, as Speaker Marvel mentioned yesterday and specified, would be for thirty minutes only at the end of which thirty minutes regardless of where we are in the debate there will be...we will have a vote up or down. Is that right, Mr. Speaker, or do you wish to add...will there be at that time any additional closing by Senator Newell, or will that be it? Speaker Marvel, at the end of that time will that just be it and no further closing or anything by Senator Newell?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The agreement was that since the machine was shut down early yesterday they did not have the full time for the discussion and therefore we agreed to an extension of thirty minutes. At the end of the thirty minutes we have to arrive at a decision. That's right.

PRESIDENT: All right, Mr. Speaker, just so everyone understands the rules under which we are operating on this Special Order. All right, the thirty minutes commences now. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell, and then I will give you the speakers that I have at this time. Yesterday I did have listed the speakers whose lights were on yesterday when we stopped. It was Senator DeCamp, Wesely, Cope and Beutler, and today we have added Senator Chambers, Senator Hefner, to that list, and Senator Nichol now and Senator Kelly. So the Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to just reiterate for a moment some of the arguments that were brought up yesterday in behalf of the elimination of sales tax on food. I would like to start first with the very eloquent arguments of my dear beloved colleague from South Sioux City, Senator Bob Murphy, who talked about, in his community, South Sioux City, which is as many of you know, a bedroom community of Sioux City, Iowa, and Iowa being one of those states without a tax on food, Senator Murphy estimated that a large percentage, I think forty percent, is that correct, Senator Murphy...about forty percent of the people work in South Sioux City? Consequently, in the eloquent way in which Senator Murphy sometimes phrases things, he mentioned the fact that South Sioux Citizens were not necessarily born...I think he said they were not born stupid, but I will rephrase that and say that they were those who see their opportunities and take them, buy their food in Sioux City, which does not have a tax on food, come across the river,