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And finally, a communication from Mr. David Coolidge, Director of State Engineer of the Department of Roads. The report will be on file in my office.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner for a personal privilege.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, many of you have heard by now that former Senator Jules Burbach had an apparent heart attack in Columbus last Friday morning. I just received a report this morning that he was in stable condition and resting very well.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hefner. We will proceed then with the agenda item #5, Special Order. Mr. Clerk, do you want to bring us up to date on where we are with LB 44?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 44, read title. The bill was first read on January 4 of 1979. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. It was considered by the body on April 10 of last year. We have pending, Mr. President, a motion by Senator Maresh which is found on page 302 of the Legislative Journal which effectively raises the rate from \$23 to \$26. Mr. President, I now have offered from Senator Newell and Senator Maresh an amendment to the Maresh amendment by striking \$26 and inserting \$28.

PRESIDENT: Okay, so we will recognize then Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, the proposed amendment increases the sales tax credit from \$26 to \$28. It was signed by myself and Senator Maresh and the Governor has most graciously agreed to the \$28 figure. The proposal that we offer at this time is an attempt to compromise on this issue. The Governor has acceded to this compromise and felt that after listening to the debate it was a reasonable compromise and I also think this is a reasonable compromise. The \$28 figure, while not as much as we would like to have it and it is not aimed at the point where we would like to see it, it still is probably realistic giving the financial limitations that we have. I think at this time the \$28 figure is an honest attempt by Senator Maresh and myself and the Governor and others to try to find general agreement on this issue and I would hope that those who helped me try to add additional dollar amounts to the tax credit would accede to this compromise.

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