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LB 44

CLERK: Mr. President, I have two. The first is, Senator Beutler moves to return LB 44 to Select File for a specific amendment, and I believe copies have been distributed to the membership.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have the amendment?

CLERK: Do you want me to read it?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment reads as follows: (Read the specific amendment to LB 44 as found on page 658 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler on the motion, and may I make a statement. May I make a statement to start with. The Chair is going to attempt diplomatically to try to call upon every member of this Legislature as far as extended debate is concerned to attempt to, without trying to be unconstitutional about it, attempt to control the debate in the body. Now some of you don't like to approach the matter this way. Put yourself in the position of the Chair where we have had some motions made and there will be ten or fifteen people who want to talk, and it is on an issue that we have thoroughly debated two or three times, now the Chair cannot force you to control debate, but the Chair can, as we did in the Chairman's meetings today ask your cooperation in attempting to keep it under control so we can proceed in some orderly fashion to confront the issues that are before us. I call your attention to the fact that this is the 24th day. We have 60 days. I will repeat once more, even if it is painful to you, try to put yourself in the position of whoever is up here attempting to move as effectively but as fairly as possible the business of the day. Now with that lecture the Chair recognizes Senator Beutler on his motion concerning LB 44.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will try to be very quick. The last time around on this bill you may recall that I attempted to attach to the food sales tax credit bill a tie to the consumer price index, and that motion failed on a 23-22 vote. I went around and I talked to some of the people who voted against it asking what their objections were and there was one important objection and I think I have satisfied that objection by adding a sentence. It is the last sentence on the amendment which was handed out to you. Okay, the objection was basically that what if the method of computing the consumer price index should