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SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, I rise to support the introduction of 1598 to become a legislative bill for exactly the same reasons that Senator Hefner pointed out. The people of Nebraska have brought to the Revenue Committee many ideas that they want that committee to look at and understand and do some action in the area of taxes and they must have that input in order to do their job as a revenue committee and the same, Senator Chambers, is true with the Judiciary Committee and as far as shame on is concerned, dear Senator...oh, that fellow from out West that holds these meetings in Omaha...Cullan, Senator Cullan, shame on you, Senator Cullan, for not being willing to look at what is desired by thousands upon thousands of citizens in this state, shame on you, Senator Cullan. Let's vote to bring this into the Legislature. It is an important question. It is needed and we who answer these questions for our constituents must have this information and we must act and we must act in this twenty-eight days.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as one who signed the bill for introduction, I have some reservations about it but I think there has been enough controversy and enough newspaper articles and radio time given to this in the last few weeks that I think it deserves public discussion and the only way to do that is to hold a hearing on the bill. I don't believe in wording the Legislature from the World Herald's editorial pages either but I think there is some valid points. I think the bill does have some problems. There are some parts in there which are going to need revision and maybe the revision that is needed is going to be too extensive to act on this session but I don't know what Senator Hefner is referring to the Revenue Committee's workload for. This bill has nothing to do with the Revenue Committee. It is going to go over to Judiciary Committee where it properly belongs. Our hearings are done. Our exec sessions are done and what Revenue has to do with this I haven't the slightest idea but maybe Senator Hefner does. All we are asking for is the introduction of the bill and have a public hearing and let the Judiciary Committee worry about it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote