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LB 619

SENATOR VENDITTE: It is kind of interesting, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, that the gentleman who came down and spoke before various committees here as we attempted to make our move in learning more about the overall safety of studded snow tires, this particular person who was representing the National Highway Administration did not say, did not say that studded snow tires did not save the life of one or many Nebraskans. In essence what I am saying to you is simply this. Studded snow tires do have their place at the appropriate time. You and me, the meteorologist, those people who predict the weather cannot tell us when those times will be here. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, in the public interest of the people of this state, in their best health interests, it would seem to me at this juncture the only reasonable thing we can do is kill this bill and, Senator Wesely, we talk about an orchestrated greasing of bills. I would say that certainly the opposition is there this morning to probably allow this bill to continue and, Governor Thone, I might add if you are listening, and, Governor Thone, if you are listening, it seems to me at this point you are the only hope and a veto I think would be very timely. Mr. Speaker, I have I think a couple of minutes left and with that...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got a minute and a half left.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...I will allow Senator Labeledz to take over.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Just one brief statement, Senator Newell did mention the fact that there are only about 10% of the people that are now using studded snow tires but there is and always will be a few places in the state where the people require that extra precaution to get through the various hills and rough terrains. The people of Nebraska would surely appreciate even if it is 10%, if you would vote against any type of legislation that would take another freedom from them and just remember one thing. The Legislature does have a reputation of taking away the freedom of the citizens of Nebraska and I urge you to allow them to have at least this one freedom. 10% is not a lot of people but these people are very serious and very, feel very confident and very safe when they have got their studded snow tires on. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the indefinite postponement of LB 619. Those in favor of indefinite postponement vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Venditte.