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LB 361

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol to close on his amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, just quickly, all this amendment does is raise the tax from ten and a half cents that we are now paying on gasoline at the pump to twelve cents. I really think this should be more but the other day when we voted on it it did not pass so we raised this one cent last year when gasoline was approximately seventy-five cents a gallon and this year at approximately a dollar and a quarter a gallon, it doesn't seem like one and a half cents is out of line. The reason of course why we need more money is twofold, quickly, one is because of the smaller cars that are being used now across the state, use less gasoline. Secondly, the Governor asked us at the beginning of the year to conserve on gasoline which we have been doing. So these things combined are making less income in dollar amount for cities, counties in keeping up their roads and the state. So this is the only reason for this. I really think it should be two cents but I am just going for one and a half this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Nichol amendment to LB 361. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: How many are excused, Mr. Chairman?

CLERK: Five, Senator.

SENATOR NICHOL: Five, well...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 20 nays on the adoption of Senator Nichol's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, motion failed. What is the next item?