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SPEAKER MARVEL: Record.

CLERK: We have a quorum, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have some items to read in?

CLERK: Just one, Mr. President, Senator Clark would like to print amendments to LB 899 in the Journal. (See page 1662 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, do you want to start on 608? We can start on the discussion and then hopefully there will be more here before too long.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 608 was introduced by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read LB 608.) The bill was first read on January 9, referred to Revenue, advanced to General File. The committee amendments were adopted by the body on March 27 of this year, Mr. President. I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 608 was a committee bill that addressed the property tax relief on homestead. As you recall, we had two bills that the committee put out to the floor. This bill was our committee bill that was based on a circuit breaker type approach, one that we felt was suitable to Nebraska and one that addressed the problems, as we saw them, properly. It is based on the ability to pay. It does recognize the low income and the disabled and in addition to that, does recognize the renter in homestead exemption. I am fully aware that 647, the other bill, has been advanced but our committee still believes that our approach is sound and one that has been adopted in several states and that the body should give it consideration. It is with that presentation, I'm sure that you've had an opportunity to look at it as well as LB 647, and with that, Mr. President, I would urge the body to advance LB 608.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel, do you wish to speak now? Okay. Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak on the bill?

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in support of LB 608. I think our Revenue Committee has an abundance of talent on it. I think the Revenue Committee