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LB 722

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, a Call of the House has been requested. Shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 7 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature, may I have the attention of the Legislature. We are going to have a special ceremony in just a moment. Until that time, will you please record your presence. Okay, record the vote. Record your presence and the Clerk is authorized to take call in votes.

CLERK: Senator Simon voting aye. Senator Cope voting aye. Senator Beutler voting aye. Senator Rumery voting aye. Senator Reutzel voting aye. Senator Kennedy voting aye. Senator Hoagland voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish to close? Do you wish to close? We have some guests outside that we are waiting for.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think this was brought out in questioning Senator Warner by Senator Keyes that it will be the Legislature that will be deciding which project shall be built, just like now they are coming to us and we have to decide which buildings they can build in the various districts and I think we are fooling ourselves to presume that we shall pass both of these bills, as Senator Kelly thinks we will. I think we are fooling the people by having both of the bills being considered. I think we should kill this bill and act on LB 361 to increase the gas tax by two cents and the people will know how much of an increase we gave them. Senator Elroy Hefner has indicated he would like to get in on the closing so I will allow him to use some of my time.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Senator Maresh, and I hate to go against my good friend Senator Warner but I truly believe that this is a hidden tax. I think we are trying to hide this tax from the people in the State of Nebraska and I think this is wrong. This is what our Senators, our U. S. Senators, and Congressmen are doing in Washington, D. C., and the people do not like it. I say let's go on a cents per gallon deal, post it right on the pump, and let the people know what it is costing to keep our highways up, what