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LB 722

it is costing to keep our county roads up, and also our streets in our cities and villages. We are giving a lot of power here to the State Board of Equalization. I think that we, as elected officials here in this body, in the State Legislature should set these rates. If it takes an increase every year, let's bite the bullet and come down and set these rates. Also this bill...also in the other bill we have a good distribution formula, but with this bill, LB 722, the entire proceeds go to the state. Also with this bill, it will take another form to fill out. The petroleum distributors in the State of Nebraska will be required to fill out another form. At the present time, we are filling out about a half a dozen forms already. We are filling one out for the state gas tax, for the federal gas tax, for the state special fuels, for the federal special fuels and it just goes on and on. How much more of a burden are we going to put on the small businesses in Nebraska? I'd say that this bill is a politician's dream. We don't have to face up to reality and so, therefore, I would urge you to support the kill motion, put this bill to bed, and then maybe study it a little more in the years to come if we want to go that way. Therefore, I would urge you to kill this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR MARESH: I would like to bring out one more point that I forgot to mention, that Senator Johnson was telling me that he received a number of calls, the people are concerned with the four cent increase that presently the two bills are proposing so this is something we should keep in mind that we will be getting more of these phone calls when the people find out what the increase is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the indefinite postponement of LB 722. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Who requested a record vote? Excuse me.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, clear the board and record your presence and then we will go into the roll call. Please take your seats and record your presence. Senator Haberman, Senator Goodrich, Senator Lewis, Senator Pirsch, Senator DeCamp, Senator Hefner, Senator George. Okay, who do we have left? Senator George, Senator Hefner, Senator DeCamp, Senator Haberman. The only one excused is Senator Barrett. All others are unexcused. Senator DeCamp, Senator Haberman,