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LB 647

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, thank you. Mr. Clerk, are you ready to proceed? The first bill before the Legislature is LB 647.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have E & R amendments to LB 647.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I move the E & R amendments to LB 647.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion is carried. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments. The first is offered by Senator DeCamp. It is Request 2292. I think you will find it in your bill books.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as Senator Marvel correctly stated this is the last day when we can do anything and what happens today happens, and what doesn't, doesn't. You may recall that Senator Lewis and Senator Johnson, Senator Marvel and myself being extremely concerned about property taxes and trying to devise some program yet this year to use any surplus money and direct it to the homeowner, came up with a plan of targeting this money in a direct rebate plan. That is what you have before you now. In conversations with Senator Warner and conversations with Senator Marvel, and particularly in conversations with a fellow named Charles Thone over the last twenty-four hours, I get the distinct impression that the following things are possible. That unless we can cut the current Homestead bill by some nine to ten million, which I understand Senator Warner has an amendment for, and unless we figure on doing our state aid program with a maximum of twenty million dollars, and unless we are conditioned to expect probably three or four million in vetoes on the University and holding up the vetoes on wages, we are going to be in some kind of a quagmire. I am taking the position at this time and I have cleared it with Senator Marvel and Senator Lewis and Senator Johnson, that the plan we have laid out for property tax relief can best be dealt with next year when we know exactly what we are going to do with the overall tax system which has to be involved, and when we have a clear picture on the overall economy. For that reason...for that reason

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