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LB 190

CLERK: 8 ayes, 14 nays on the motion to pass over, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: We will take up LB 190. We have committee amendments by the Public Works Committee. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, there are two committee amendments. First of all, number one is a committee amendment that makes technical changes that correct the sectional references. That is all, just a technical change. Number two, it imposes an interest charge on any delinquent taxes. The amount of interest imposed on delinquent tax is a sectional reference and I believe that point is sixteen percent. Mr. Chairman, I move the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle, do you want to talk on the committee amendments? Senator Warner, your light is on. Did you want to talk on the committee amendments. All those in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to start out by reading you a statement I made on this floor approximately one year ago. The statement was made in the following circumstances and situation. I proposed an amendment to delay the ton mile tax that we had successfully passed in this Legislature the year before, to delay its implementation for one year until July 1, 1980, in other words, or 1981, this year. Because I had pushed so hard to get the ton mile tax passed and was asking for a delay, I made certain promises and explanations on the floor and I would like to summarize those by reading what I said. "We said we will give you the benefit of the doubt", and I was talking about my talking to the railroads, "delay it long enough to try to work something out. I am willing to give them", the railroads, "the benefit of the doubt. Now I don't nibble at the railroad room or any of the other things. I don't have any obligations there and I am telling you this. I am putting myself on the line on this. I am willing to go for the delay because it is a chance to stand up publicly