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LB 190, 220

this is a tax on the railroads which is then passed on by the railroads to the citizens in the south receiving the coal for their generating plants in the southern states because those citizens in the south are benefitting by using Nebraska as their coal corridor and we feel they should help pay for the overpasses that are going to be occasioned and made necessary as a result of this increased coal traffic. With regard to the increasing the length of the train to avoid the tax, there are practical impossibilities there because of the existing structure of the tracks. They can have about so many cars. They can have about so much weight, or they can build new railroads. They have chosen at this point to use about so many cars and about so many trains. If we, in fact, saw the other route being attempted, we have a simple solution. We increase the tax. We alter it, and we will have the information to know that. I urge you to advance the bill and when the other issue comes up on 103, 105, I will be asking your support to recover that tax money that was lost through no fault of mine certainly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancement of 190E vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill, 220.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 220 was introduced by Senator Richard Maresh. (Read.) The bill was read on January 15, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Urban Affairs Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, the committee amendments to LB 220.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 220 introduced in behalf of the League of Municipalities by Senator Richard Maresh, it allowed and empowered the purchase or financing of buildings and allows for a bond issue to be utilized...I'm sorry, if financing other than a bond issue is utilized, that there is a certain amount of building that can be done without an election and the bill originally provided for totals of a petition and we reduced the amount of the petition necessary to have the signers for an election from 30% of the electors of that city or village to 15% of the electors of that city and we put a maximum on