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LB 151

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill we will pass over. There still is some information they need to gather and go to 151.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 151 was offered by Senator Ward Johnson. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 14, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, would you excuse me just a minute? We have in the North balcony, 17 students from the Nebraska School for the Deaf of Omaha, Jerry Siders, Virginia Thompson, teachers. Where are you located? Will you hold up your hands please? Also a few minutes ago Ralston Senior High American Government Class with their teacher, Larry Koenig, was in the North balcony and Dan Miller and Bill Miller, Omaha South High student council members also in the North balcony. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have passed out on your desks the text of the constitutional amendment number three which was submitted to the voters in November, 1980, and approved by them overwhelmingly. LB 151 is an implementation bill but the first thing I would like for the body to do is to approve the committee amendments to the bill. They are totally technical amendments but once they are approved I will then be in a position to go ahead and discuss the bill as amended and at that time to encourage your advancement. So at this time I would move the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 151. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Let me go ahead at this time and speak to the bill itself. As you know it from the material passed out on your desk, the voters provided in November, the following, that is, "The Legislature by general law and upon any terms, conditions and restrictions it prescribes, may provide that the increased value of real property resulting from improvements designed primarily for energy conservation may be exempted from taxation." That was the amendment that the voters approved. So what LB 151 does