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legislation and commend Senator Carsten for bringing it to us, and urge the body's adoption of LB 59.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also support this bill. This is probably the only way you are going to clean up some of that mess that you have out there on titles. The titles are now clouded by the fact that they can't find these people. It will be a way that they can clear these taxes off of there and the landowner can get those minerals back and finally have a clear title to go ahead and drill. Most of these oil companies will not drill unless they have a clear title. They could go ahead and drill and they could put the money into escrow, that part that they can't find. But that is a mess to have to do that. So I think this bill is a good bill and it ought to go across. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, do you want to close? Okay, the motion is to advance the bill as amended to E & R. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. LB 59. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. What is the next one, Patrick?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is LB 168, and it is introduced by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 168 is another bill that has been brought to us because of a court decision, Gates versus Howell, in the taxation of mobile homes, and the original procedure was declared unconstitutional. Thus we have this bill before us which was brought to us by the Department of Revenue. And I move for the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President. Basically, the amendments are quite extensive but they are technical for the very reason that there are several areas in the statutes that relate to this that had to be corrected. It does not...