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people live under, the tax they put on food in some cities like Omaha for instance is considerable and those people do not get their full rebate and I don't care how you try to send it back to them. So I think we ought to look at the problem a little more seriously than a fifteen minute pass-over and kiss it goodbye and say, look folks, we helped you one more year. Senator Maresh, I will have an amendment on Select File.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is offered by Senator Beutler and that is to increase the credit to \$34.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, here we go into our annual auction again and I think from the testimony that I heard last year that it should have been up to \$34 and I don't want to go through all that testimony again but the amendment is basically to raise it a couple additional dollars and rather than take a lot of time on it I would just ask for the Legislature's consideration of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, the Clerk advises me that there are about three amendments on the bill already and since it will never survive the fifteen minute rule, he is wondering if you would prefer just to lay it over and take it up at another time?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, that is what I was afraid of, that people are going to jeopardize the people of Nebraska to get an increase. That is what happened two years ago. If we would not have had all that wrangle about increasing more than the bill allowed for we would have got the bill passed but...so I guess if they do not want to give the people of the State of Nebraska what is coming to them, that is...the people of the State of Nebraska are the ones that are going to stand the loss.

PRESIDENT: So you want to pass it over at this time and take it up at a regular time, all right. So at the introducer's request we will go on to the next bill on consent calendar which is LB 535 and before we do that, Mr. Clerk, the Chair would like to introduce some 50 seniors from Cathedral High in Omaha from Senator Hoagland's district, with Tim Cannon, Martha Heck and Rich Garrigan, their teachers. They are up here in the North balcony. Would you welcome Cathedral High of Omaha. Welcome to your Legislature. The next bill, Mr. Clerk, on consent calendar then is LB 535.