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LB 536

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed on Final Reading. We will now move to LB 536 on Final Reading.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Beutler moves to return LB 536 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair would like to warn the Legislature once again, unless we can figure out some way of pulling back bills on Final Reading, we are going to have a serious situation in the future, so the Chair, as the Chair proposes to do, can simply ask your cooperation. I have never in 25 years seen the handling of Final Reading like it's been handled the last few weeks. I don't think it is necessary. I think you can take care of the items without breaking down Final Reading. So I would appreciate your cooperation. Now proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to return LB 536 to Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have a feeling I've been a little bit handicapped, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That might have been deliberate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I, nonetheless, feel it's my obligation to say what I think needs to be said here, and maybe we need a longer session or fewer bills if there is not time to discuss adequately each and every bill. But as far as this particular bill is concerned, it's a bill that does nothing. This bill has had very little or no discussion and it constitutes an agency shuffle the likes of which we haven't seen this year. The bill, I remind you, its one and only effect is to shift the responsibility for the federal surplus program from the Department of Roads to the Military Department. The effect of my amendment, the one and only effect of it, is to shift it from the Roads Department to the Department of Administrative Services Materials Division. What I am suggesting makes sense and I hope I can convince you that what the bill does right now makes no sense whatsoever. First of all, why is the switch to the Military Department? There is no apparent logic whatsoever to shifting this federal surplus program to the Military Department. Let me describe basically what the federal surplus program is so that you will know what we are talking about. It...like it indicates, it is