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LB 12, 501

PRESIDENT: My thought is to just go ahead with it.

SENATOR MARESH: I move that it be advanced, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Clerk will read the title and then we will recognize you, Senator Maresh.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 12, offered by Senator Richard Maresh. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8 and referred to Revenue. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, LB 12 would increase the food tax credit by \$3, and this is necessary because of the increase in the price of food. They predict about an 11 percent increase for 1981. This would compensate. You take 11 percent times the amount we have refunded, it will give you \$3. So this is a reasonable amount and I hope that we can advance the bill today so the people will get their increase in food tax credit. This will cost the state about four and a half million dollars, this \$3 increase. There will be a lot of money going back to be stimulating our economy, so I move that the bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I support Senator Maresh in his efforts to get this passed because as most of you realize, a couple years ago I guess it was we stalled a bill similar to this because some wanted to take the sales tax clear off, some of them wanted to change the value or the amount of money in the refund, and as a result we wound up with nothing. So I think at this stage of the game, it is important that this bill move and I support Senator Maresh in his effort to carry it today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, you may close on your motion to advance. No further debate, no closing. The question before the House is the advance of LB 12 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 12 is advanced to E & R Initial. The next bill on the consent calendar is LB 501.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 501 was introduced by Senator