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LB 39, 39A

begin Final Reading. I would make one comment before we start Final Reading and that is that if we do not get through most of the bills on Select File at the moment, we are going to have to meet tonight and we still may be in trouble as far as time goes. Now there is nothing I can do except to ask for your cooperation. They are your bills and there are ways of stalling these bills. There are ways of forcing them to remain where they are. I assume you would like to clear the agenda before we adjourn sine die. So would all legislators, first of all, please return to your seats and prepare for Final Reading. Then after Final Reading we will proceed with motions and also with Select File. It is my privilege at the moment to congratulate Senator Beyer on his 16th birthday. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker, you have just asked us to return to our seat. In view of the time I would certainly ask the senators to please so we can get started at least. I hate to sit here and have you suffer while we traipse around so I would sure hope we would get on with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I thought you knew I got adequately paid for this job. Are we all set for Final Reading? The Clerk will read on Final Reading, LB 39 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion. Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to bracket LB 39 and 39A until the 1982 legislative session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak since Senator Warner is not here this morning. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Speaker Marvel and colleagues, the reason Senator Warner proposes that we bracket 39 and 39A until next year, I think is relatively apparent. It is the collective opinion of the Appropriations Committee that if this particular measure is passed, it would probably trigger a change in tax rates. Now of course there are a lot of things that are uncertain and a lot of things are fluid because, number one, we really don't know what will happen with other possible veto overrides. We don't really know what other bills will pass but assuming that we override nothing else, it is, in my opinion, this particular measure this year with the projections that we have received from the Department of Revenue, would trigger a tax increase. Another thing that I think has a lot of people very concerned and uneasy is the impact or ramifications of what the federal government may do in the area of budget cuts which certainly will affect the State of Nebraska and also in the area of tax decrease.