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LB 318, 129A

it down to a dull roar for a while? Go ahead.

CLERK: (Continued reading the roll call vote.)

PRESIDENT: All right, we will verify. Everybody pay attention now, everyone, we are going to verify the vote. Go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote.) 33 ayes, 15 nays, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 318 becomes law notwithstanding the action of the Governor. The next motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is from Senator Nichol. Senator Nichol would move that LB 129A become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: 129A?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, you will recall this bill was the beer, wine and liquor bill that we passed a few days ago for specific reasons and the specific reasons were to fulfill a commitment that we made in 1978 when we changed the way we were handling alcoholism in the State of Nebraska. At that time we said we are not going to throw them in jail, fine them, keep them there a few days because they never can pay their fine anyway, turn them out to go do the same thing again. And the program has been working in some places. I wish you could have all gone with us about two or three weeks ago when we went to the north side of Lincoln to look at one of these places where they take people who are picked up on the street. Omaha has complained. Some of the other cities have complained we don't have a place to take them. We said we will try to get you a bill that will take the money from taxation of beer, wine and liquor to provide such facilities and to continue the programs that we have. You will recall a few days ago Senator Jerry Warner put an amendment on to use a portion of this money for a specific amount. That portion of the veto was less cut than the other portion which was really what the bill was about in the first place. I think we have a commitment. I think we should override this veto and use the money for which it was intended rather than to continue with the taxation