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LB 498, 404A, 767

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BARRETT: I'm not sure, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I've had the same feeling at times.

SENATOR BARRETT: My intent was not to stir up the natives. Thank you, Senator Johnson, for those kind remarks with reference to piling on. I think I'm entitled to fifteen yards, correct? I made no secret about this, ladies and gentlemen, not at all. It is straight out, very straight forward. Pull transportation costs from the general budget, levy a special tax. It is exempt from the 7% Budget Limitation Act of 1979. The bill is a loophole. There is no question about it. It is dictated by the severe limitations which have been placed on school districts in your legislative districts and in mine. It is virtually impossible for some of these districts to continue operating under the current levels with the current programs without some assistance. Transportation costs, transportation needs are competing for these educational dollars and as far as I am concerned there is a difference between transportation and education. An exemption, an exception, if some of you prefer, a subsidy. Call it by any name you want. If you have a philosophical problem with it, sobeit. I repeat, I move that LB 498 be moved to E & R initial. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no, the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Barrett. Do you want to record the vote? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. The Clerk has a couple of items on his desk before we go to the next bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, there will be a meeting of the Reference Committee underneath the North balcony at three-thirty.

Mr. President, Senator Fowler would like to print amendments to LB 404A in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 223-224 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a new bill, LB 767 offered by Senator Schmit. (Read by title for the first time LB 767. See page 224 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would like to have a meeting of the Banking, Insurance and Commerce tomorrow morn-