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highway lobby, that we would open up this area so that the Legislature can decide to increase, if it wishes, the amount of gas tax for public transit. I would move to raise the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler was closing. The question before the House is to put 758 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. It will take 30 votes. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote. Record vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 552 and 553 of the Legislative Journal). 9 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion lost. The next motion, to withdraw 211 by Newell.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to withdraw LB 211 from consideration by the Legislature.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to withdraw LB 211, a bill that deals with the general homestead. It would eliminate the general homestead. The reason I would like to withdraw this bill is actually threefold. First of all, the Appropriations Committee has introduced a bill which will do the same exact thing and apply that money to the general fund. I am opposed to that bill but I don't want to be misunderstood...I don't want my bill out there so people misunderstand exactly what is happening. My bill is a bill that was originally introduced on behalf of the Tax Commissioner, Mr. Herrington, who is now gone. It was to do away with the general homestead per his recommendations. The cost amounts, the idea was to reduce the cost of administration to that program. I have asked the new Tax Commissioner if the cost amounts were all that great. He, basically, doesn't think so. He thinks, however, that money could be better used for state purposes, a purpose that I totally disagree with. I think this money, this \$4.1 million is committed to property tax relief. My proposal would have left it as property tax relief, and since I don't any longer want to see this bill hang around so there is much confusion, I would urge this body to withdraw the bill.