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LR 217, 218

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, were you asking for a Call of the House?

SENATOR KOCH: No, just a record vote.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR KOCH: I was hoping to get 33 at least.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 609 of the Legislative Journal). 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR NICHOL: We will move on to LR 218.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 218 offered by Senator Howard Peterson and Senator Hefner, found on page 577 of the Journal. (Read LR 218).

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman, are you going to speak to this motion? Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, last week and I see on the agenda today and unfortunately we may not even get to it, is the question of what should happen on interest rates, and as Senator Don Wesely addressed that subject, I rose and said that we really needed to address the subject but that trying to do it by legislation in the manner that we were trying to do it here wouldn't do any good, and I mean exactly what I said. I believe it is important for us to understand the federal reserve system and most of us don't, and it is too lengthy a discussion to try to discuss it, all of you at this moment, because it is a very complicated system, except to say that we have established in this country an independent bank that runs the finances of this country, that we have people serving on that board appointed by the President of the United States, and that really the board or that bank runs the whole financial system of this country and for that matter pretty largely the financial system of the world. And I just think it is awfully important for us to understand that there is legislation before the Congress to do away with that system, to bring that system back under the Congress as it should be and that is the subject of the resolution is to bring the federal reserve, call it another name if you may want to but that probably is what would happen. We would have a bank established by the Congress of the United States rather than an independent bank as we now have it, and we would finally get some control on this