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LB 684, 773

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of placing the Legislature under Call vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to go under Call.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats, record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. There are two excused, Senator Vard Johnson and Senator Cullan. While we are waiting, also it is my privilege to indicate that Senator Cope's 71st birthday is today. Happy Birthday, Senator Cope. Senator VonMinden, will you please register your presence? We are looking for Senator Schmit, Senator Kahle, Senator Marsh. Kahle, Schmit and Marsh. Will all members please take your seats so we can proceed with the roll call vote as soon as we locate two legislators. Okay, we are now looking for Senator Kahle. The motion is to place the bill on General File, LB 684, and this takes 25 votes. Proceed with the roll call.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 813 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All legislators will be in their seats.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carries. The Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would move to place LB 773 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to bring LB 773 to the floor for this Legislature's consideration. The bill is a constitutional amendment that would authorize the people of the state to vote on the question of whether or not food should be taxed. As you know, I brought this legislation in legislation as legislation to this body on numerous occasions because it is an ongoing and very drastic and serious need of the people of this state. More people have written and urged that this legislation be offered to them as an opportunity to end one of the most regressive and unfair taxes that this Legislature levies. Now simply the arguments are that the state...the Governor's office has indicated that there would be no fiscal impact to the