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LB 693

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SENATOR LAMB: Record your presence. Have you all recorded your presence? Senator Chronister and anyone else that would like to record your presence. Record.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Under the North balcony we have five senior students from Rosalie from Senator Jim Goll's district and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Haden. Welcome to your Legislature. Please rise and be recognized. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would like to print a motion that he had distributed earlier printed in the Journal. (See page 1625-1626 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: We will proceed with LB 693.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have on 693 is offered by Senator Fowler. I don't believe he has checked in yet. In that event, Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (Read Beutler amendment as found on page 1626 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler. Could we have some order so that Senator Beutler may proceed with his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, back on 693, the bill as you will recall mandates that an adjustment be made in the Nebraska income tax rates, Nebraska tax rates when certain things happen at the federal level with regard to the federal taxes. And the way the bill is set up right now, whether the federal taxes increase or whether they decrease, the adjustment at the Nebraska level is mandated. What my amendment would do would be to mandate the change if the federal income taxes are lowered but leave the government with discretion in the situation where the federal income taxes are increased and by doing this we solve the problems of the people who came before the Revenue Committee this year and were concerned about what happened this last year. It would address the situation that occurred last year just as the bill intended, that is if the government lowers its taxes then at the Nebraska level we will adjust by increasing our tax rate but my amendment would say if it is in the other direction, if the federal taxes are increased we do not necessarily have to adjust the Nebraska rates downward and the reason that I am interested in this or I think that we should make this distinction is because the situation may occur where our revenue projections are soft, where our projected revenues may be too high,