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LB 600

SENATOR HIGGINS: No time limit, 1:30 p.m., General File priority bills, LB 556, Labedz, Hall, increase homestead tax exemption...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I thought you wanted me to read everything after that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You didn't quite understand the question as she has not quite understood other things I've said. That is sufficient. I said the words immediately following, and that is "no time limit." That was put on the agenda by the Speaker. They put one-thirty after the bill. If I'm not mistaken about the way things went today, others were talking about other matters long after one-thirty and I was not even down here. I was not even down here. They talked about other matters than this and, because they decided that other matters were more important to be discussed than this one, we wound up discussing this one at the time we are discussing it. So now Senator Higgins says that because I am exercising my prerogatives as a member of the Legislature and playing under the rules set down in writing by the Speaker, no time limit, that I don't care about children. Well, she's mistaken, but she is entitled to believe what she pleases. I'll tell you one thing I understand, I understand English. I know this bill doesn't have to be passed this year. I know the fact that they put the effective date to September 1, 1986 proves it doesn't have to be passed this year. You know why they are trying to pass it this year, Senator Higgins? They are trying to save the possibility of keeping federal funding at these master programs they have in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy County. They are not interested in the collection aspects of this bill because those are the only ones that won't take effect. They are trying to save the jobs of some people that they know who have got jobs. It's a jobs bill, and nothing is wrong with that. A lot of times you vote for people to keep their jobs. This bill, as it is drafted and with the delayed effective date, is not going to increase child support collection. Senator Higgins helped them defeat my