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Any discussion? All those in favor then of Senator Clark's motion will vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 0 nays to cease nominations, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and Senator Barrett...Senator Bill Barrett, would you like to say a few words. You are elected unanimously, congratulations, and say a few words. The Chair recognizes Chairman Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I simply wanted to thank the body for the vote of confidence placed in me today. I will certainly attempt to represent the office and this body with integrity and a certain amount of dignity. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Barrett. We are now ready for agenda item #9, introduction of new bills. Yes, proceed, Mr. Clerk, reading of new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills, LB 563 offered by Senator Lamb as Chairman of the Exec Board. (Read title for the first time). LB 564 offered by Senator Lamb as Chairman of the Executive Board. (Read title for the first time). LB 565 offered by Senator Lamb as Chairman of the Executive Board. (Read by title for the first time). LB 566 offered by Senator Lamb as Chairman of the Executive Board. (Read title for the first time). LB 567 offered by Senator Haberman. (Read title for the first time). LB 568 by Senator Haberman. (Read title for the first time). LB 569 offered by Senator Haberman. (Read title for the first time). LB 570 offered by Senator Haberman. (Read title for the first time). LB 571 offered by Senator Clark. (Read title for the first time). LB 572 offered by the Education Committee and signed by its members. (Read title for the first time). LB 573 offered by Senator Clark. (Read title for the first time). LB 574 offered by Senator Koch. (Read title for the first time). LB 575 offered by Senator Rumery. (Read title for the first time). LB 576 offered by Senators Koch and Wesely. (Read title for the first time). LB 577 by Senator Koch. (Read title for the first time). LB 578 offered by Senator Koch. (Read title for the first time). LB 579 offered by Senator Koch. (Read title for the first time). LB 580 offered by Senator Koch. (Read title for the first time). LB 581 offered by Senator Koch. (Read title for the first time). LB 582 offered by Senator Kilgarin. (Read title for the first time). LB 583 offered by Senator Warner. (Read title for the first time). LB 584 offered by Senator Warner. (Read

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LB 577, 580, 627, 671,
680, 702, 803, 905.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation whose Chairman is Senator Labedz reports LB 577 advanced to General File, 671 General File, 803 General File, 580 indefinitely postponed, 627 indefinitely postponed, 680 indefinitely postponed and 905 indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Labedz.

Mr. President, with respect to 702 I have E & R amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion is carried, the E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would now move to amend the bill and the amendment is on page 879 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, when this bill was up on General File, I rose to speak against the kill motion and later voted against the advancement of the bill. One of my concerns at that time was that the way the interest rate was set up that there would be a tremendous incentive, an incentive to loan money to individuals under the provisions of this act to a higher extent than they may need or even request because there were certain incentives built in because of the point situation that it was more profitable to those who would loan the money if they loaned up to \$6000 or at least above the \$3000 provision. Presently the bill stands at a total finance charge of points being offered of up to \$500 in costs and 7 points. Now I talked to Senator Clark and Senator Clark and I discussed and basically came up with a proposal and this proposal is to make that a point situation to require it to be no more than 7 percent on the first \$2000 and 5 percent, 5 points on the remainder and leaving the total of \$500 in the provisions. Now I talked to the small loan industry and they agreed and basically that is what this bill does, except...this amendment does, except for the fact that it clarifies internal references which authorize or makes clear that small loan companies may charge the normal usury rate. In other words, they don't have to use this provision of the law, they can, in fact, charge lesser interest which is what I would hope they would do, but this allows them to have that free...that freedom to use the smaller interest or the provisions of the bill as it is presently being drawn with this amendment, which means that no more