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only this year but next year in the relationship to the cost of living increase. President Nixon came out yesterday and asked that we give a 7 1/2% increase to the senators and congressmen for the next three years or 21 1/2% increase in three years. Nixon came out and asked that the veterans receive a 12% increase right away and a 14% increase for the survivors. Now we can do one of two things, we can go on lose 30, anywhere from 44% on down of the state employees every year because they don't know what we're going to do. This simply will put into statute what we are going to do, what the policy is going to be and they should know and they will stay. We can't have a big turnover like we're having now. You've got two alternatives, either we guarantee these people a cost of living raise or the union has asked to have a vote of all state employees and they have over 50% signers, I understand, and if they call for a vote, I'd like to see Senator Marvel and Senator Whitney and the Governor of this state sit down and negotiate and come out with a cheaper scale than what you're getting right now with the unions. And I happened to belong to a union for many, many years and I know that when you have increment raises and you get a cost of living raise, you don't count the increment raise in your cost of living raise like Senator Whitney and Senator Marvel are doing in this. So I ask that you bring this bill out on General File and we'll hold it there until we find out what's going to happen in the budget bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now, before we vote, I think it's the Chair's obligation to call to your attention under rule 3, section C, and I read from the rules, any time an introducer of a bill attempts to take a bill from committee to be placed on General File, the bill shall stand indefinitely postponed if the motion fails to receive a majority vote of the members elected to the Legislature. Now the question is shall LB801 be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, there's simply one reason I'm going to call for a roll call vote. So that every senator will be classified when he goes out for election this time with the state employees.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes asking for a roll call vote. You can clear the board. Senator Keyes asking for a roll call vote and the question is, shall LB801 be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: I rise to explain that I have asked for some facts from our fiscal staff and I will not vote on this issue until I have a better knowledge of the cost to the State of Nebraska for this particular piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

CLERK: Senator Fred Carstens requests to be excused.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to Senator Carstens' absence? Hearing none, so ordered. Roll call vote, LB801.

CLERK: Senator Anderson.

PRESIDENT: Shall the bill be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee?

CLERK: Takes roll call vote.

(End of Belt #7)