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LB 30

it, I do not believe it's a reason to justify our continued support of tax on food. I'm asking you this morning to make a serious concentration on changing your decision, to adopt this amendment and at least one thing will happen to us, those who return in future years will not have to discuss tax on food anymore. So we will have alleviated one controversial subject. I ask for your serious consideration and adoption of this amendment to LB 30.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the bill be returned. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 15 ayes, 25 nays on motion to return.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have another motion on the desk, Mr. President. I move to return LB 30 to Select File for specific amendment. The specific amendment is to strike the enacting clause. Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I think that the definition is clear here that a number of people that think that the tax on food is not necessary. We've jumped around on this every year I've been here trying to readjust rebates and not readjust rebates. If you don't want the tax on food, let's not have the tax on food. Senator Swigart, not only do you protect the Omaha interest that you represent here and that's the only reason you have an interest in the bill, but you can also save \$5 million by striking the enacting clause and we can certainly have the good image that we need. Let's just leave it alone and as the arguments have been presented the tax on food is fair. It hits those that are most affluent, as I recall some of the arguments, so let's forget the rebate business and leave it where it is at \$16. I ask you to return it to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Can I call for the question?

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall debate cease. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the bill be returned. Record your vote. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 9 ayes, 29 nays on motion to return.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Anything further?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Read LB 30.

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