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LB 902

PRESIDENT: The time has come to move to LB 902 based upon your action to suspend the Speaker's order. I have your lights on in proper order. You may extinguish them because we will return to this issue when we have completed our consideration of LB 902. Do you have a motion on LB 902?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to suspend rule 6, section 6 B and take up LB 902 on Final Reading today.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I kind of already explained to you if we don't pass this bill today or kind of decide it one way or another, it really isn't fair to either the Governor or the people of Omaha or the City Council or the Legislature. It's not fair to the City Council of Omaha because it doesn't give them a time, a reasonable time to even decide whether they want to go with a vote of the people or not. Now you can say, well they aren't going to and I say, fine, that may be, but at least they have to have an honest opportunity to make that decision so it is their decision, so it isn't blamed on us, let's say. It's not fair to the Governor because he has to have a reasonable amount of time to look at the bill, make his decision of whether he wants to veto it or not. I kind of think when he studies the whole situation, I kind of think he's a reasonable, intelligent man and he's going to say, okay, this may not be what I like, but I think it's smarter to get this taken care of this way and that's what the City Council of Omaha wants, let's do it. Now, I'm not going to waste a lot of time on it but to accomplish this, to even get the issue before the Council, before the people, before the Governor, we have to pass the bill today. To do that we have to suspend the rules so my motion is to suspend the rules and take up Final Reading. We wouldn't need any more debate on it. Senator Chambers, I understand, has a motion to kill. I need thirty three votes or we need thirty three votes to make this bill pass. It would just seem to me that you wouldn't need to waste any time or take up any excessive time on the kill motion so with that, I'll cease, and let's go to the voting and see whether we've got it or not.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, did you wish to be heard on this issue? Senator Dworak, did you wish to be heard on this issue? All right, the question is shall the rules be suspended. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record. The rules are suspended. We are now on Final Reading. All Senators are required to be at their desks. All nonsenatorial personnel shall leave the floor. Final Reading is under Call. All Senators please... We are on Final Reading. All Senators please return to your desks. We are on Final Reading. Senator Merz and Senator Koch, would you return to your desk please and Senator Keyes, would you return to your desk please? Do you have a motion, Mr. Clerk? Senator Koch. Thank you. Do you have a motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion to return LB 902 to Select File for specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause. That's offered by Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I know as far as the possibility of having this done, I'm engaging in an exercise of futility. This will be the last shot I'll have at this bill and I think,

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