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LB 963, 569, 748,  
924, 953,

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 963 pass with the emergency clause attached? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1519 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: LB 963 passes with the emergency clause attached. That completes Final Reading. Do you have a motion? Yes, go ahead and read something into the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports that we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 569 and recommend the same be placed on Select File with amendments. LB 748 replaced on Select File with amendments and 924 replaced on Select File with amendments.

Mr. President, Senator F. Lewis asks for unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 953 in the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Do you have a motion?

CLERK: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read Senator Simon's motion.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Simon. Before we do that I have two people to introduce, guests of Senator Koch they are under the north balcony; Kim Smuggling and Barb Schulting. Will you stand and be recognized please. Thank you for being here. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This issue I think is sufficiently important to discuss and I hope that the members of the body might be able to give some attention to what I am going to be discussing. Item #7 of course is the famous 152 as we are all aware of. Item #8 is a resolution, it is a pro-life resolution that does not call for a Constitutional Convention. I think that it is somewhat symbolic, I notice up in the front of the room I see a whip, I understand it is a dog whip, up by Senator DeCamp's desk and I would suggest that those are some of the types of tactics that have been used on LR 152. I think that many of you who have supported 152 have done so very reluctantly. There are many people on this body who are opposed to abortion but have grave or very serious concerns about the wisdom of a Constitutional Convention, myself, being one of them. Yet, like many others I have received mail, I have received phone calls calling me an abortionist, I have received threats, just like many other people here, and I think and I recall upon the members of the body to think back to the comments that Senator Venditte made early...early in the session when he introduced LR 152 saying that a vote for LR 152 was a vote against abortion, a vote against LR 152 meant that you were in support of abortion. Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, that is not the case. I think that Senator Venditte knows that and understands that. There are many people who are here on this floor who oppose abortion but are concerned about the Constitutional ramifications