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LB 405, 499

SENATOR DeCAMP: Pass over.

PRESIDENT: ...pass over? So it goes into the pass over file.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Or it will be passed under.

PRESIDENT: It goes into the Speaker's pass over file. So ordered. We will go on then to LB 499. Mr. Clerk. Bring us up to date.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 499, read title. The bill was read on January 17 of last year. It was referred to the Banking Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. On January 25 of this year, the bill was read. The committee amendments were adopted. I now have pending, Mr. President, a motion by Senator Vickers to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: The motion then is to indefinitely postpone by Senator Vickers. The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, LB 499 is a bill to create another tax which I don't think we need. Furthermore, it is special interest tax. As an example, instead of putting on a kill motion, I debated with the idea of putting on an amendment and I thought, well, why go through the problems and waste the time but let me point out to you what we are doing. I raise meat. In my business, I raise livestock. So it would be just as logical for me to push for a sales tax on the sale of red meat in the State of Nebraska, use that money to promote my product. Well, I don't think that probably stands a very good chance of doing that but that is exactly what we are trying to do here. The tourism industry wants to promote their business so they want to tax all of us, and, remember, at least fifty percent of the people who stay in the motels and hotels in the State of Nebraska are Nebraskans, tax us to promote tourism to help them out in their business. Well I, for one, don't think that is right. If they want to promote their business, let them promote it with their own dollars without imposing a tax on all of us. It has been pointed out that they are trying to get more conventions in the State of Nebraska. I doubt very seriously that we are going to get too many national conventions in a state that has the type of weather we have in the middle of winter. Most of the conventions we have in the State of Nebraska are Nebraska's conventions made up of Nebraskans. If there is any logical reason for us to have to pay to