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LB 648, 685, 850

PRESIDENT: LB 648 passes and the Clerk will now read on Final Reading the final bill for today, LB 685.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Final Reading of LB 685.

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relating to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 685 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See page 779, Legislative Journal.) 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 685 passes on Final Reading and that will conclude Final Reading today. The Speaker has added to the agenda an item for withdrawal of a bill by Senator Newell. I think it is LB 850, and is that right, Senator Newell? That will require suspension of the rules because the hearing must be cancelled. So, Mr. Clerk, do you want to read that motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to suspend Rule 3, Section 5 and Rule 5, Section 11 so as to allow for the cancellation of hearing and withdrawal of LB 850.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill was introduced on behalf of the City of Omaha with the approval of the Fire Marshal's Office and others. The problem is is that there has been a great deal of misunderstanding. The first mistake we made is we printed the wrong bill. The second mistake we made is we printed the right bill but it still has a lot of opposition. There has been a talk to the Governor. The Governor doesn't like this bill. There is a whole lot of people that don't understand this bill and this bill would really be a great service if it was withdrawn. I am kind of sorry I got hoodwinked into introducing this meritorious piece of legislation and for that reason I would like to suspend the rules and get rid of this bill quick. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion on Senator Newell's very fine explanation of why he wants it withdrawn. Okay. It requires 30 votes. All those in favor of suspending the rules in order to allow for the bill to be withdrawn and hearing cancelled, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.