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LB 369

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Higgins, on the motion to suspend.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just be brief. Senator Hartnett, I'd just like to ask you, what is in these two bills that you want to add?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: The one bill does with the cities...all cities in...all classes of cities in Nebraska have authority to impose a special city fire department tax which cannot exceed 3.5 percent per \$100 of valuation. As this tax exists now in statute, it only can be used for fire department purposes. The bill, as amended by the committee, would extend the use of the tax revenue to any public safety related uses, would increase the use of public safety departments in cities and interrelations of police, fire and rescue protection programs.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hartnett, if you want to read this on my time, it's fine, because I don't have anything else to say, or if you want, I'll sit down and read it myself but if you want to take my time to read it, go ahead.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's simply what it does. It's a simple bill. That bill affects Norfolk more than...so the bill that I'm talking about, LB 862 is simply...was introduced for Norfolk, Senator Peterson and Norfolk. I think I gave a handout on it, so...would simply ask the rules be suspended to...would like to delete 369, put these two in here. Need 30 votes to...germaneness.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other conversation on the motion to suspend the rules? If not, the question is the suspension of the rules. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? A call of the house has been requested. Shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please return to your seats. Please record your presence. Members outside the Chamber, please return. Senator Hefner, Senator Johnson. Senator Lowell Johnson. Senator Pirsch. Senator Remmers, record your presence. Senator Smith, please. Senators Ashford, Bernard-Stevens, Labeledz, Schmit, Lamb. Senators Marsh,