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LB 98, 741

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 98 was discussed yesterday. The first thing I have to the bill, Senator Hall, you had amendments, Senator. I understand you want to withdraw.

SENATOR HALL: Withdraw.

SPEAKER BAACK: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on LB 98? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will just say again that I'm opposed to sales taxes, sales and use taxes. I'm opposed especially to sales tax...sales and use taxes that may wind up on groceries. This may or may not be a first step toward that but it is a tax on consumables, meaning consumed by the human being as food. I am going to vote against the bill but, fortunately for me and perhaps the rest of you, the Governor has promised to veto it so it's not necessary for me to try to do anything to stop it at this point. I will not vote for it. I hope enough of you refuse to vote for it so that it will not advance.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I'll be very brief. Probably won't even give the arguments for the bill because they were all mentioned yesterday. We voted on it yesterday. Just if there's some members confused as to why is this bill back again, our procedures are that when a bill fails to advance, as this one did yesterday, it goes to the bottom of the list of its respective categories and its respective location. As this was part of the revenue package, it went to the bottom of the revenue package and that's why it is back up today. It's...I assume LB 741 will be following it on the agenda so we'll have a second shot at that. If it does not advance today on this vote, it will be deemed to have been indefinitely postponed. I suppose there will be an opportunity for reconsideration if anyone chooses to do so. But, in essence, this is your last opportunity, I would assume, to vote on the advancement of LB 98. I think it is an important piece of the overall, long-term strategy of keeping state government revenues in such