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newspapers, are important issues, and some of those may suffer if we don't budget and manage our time and resources wisely. That's all that I have to say on that subject this morning.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Further debate on the advancement of LB 169? Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 169 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 169.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 169 advances. LB 168, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 168, introduced by the Revenue Committee, Mr. President. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0024, Legislative Journal page 353.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Chair of the Revenue Committee, Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on LB 168.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Speaker, members, this is a bill that was brought to the Revenue Committee based on suggestions by division of the Department of Revenue for the Collection of Motor Fuels Taxes. I hope that they find favor. They are going to, in part, eliminate a current permit process which seems to have caused difficulty for various persons who purchase fuel that is not subject to the tax. If you are aware of it, at the moment, you're required to file an application for an exempt purchasing permit. That costs you \$10. If you do not have your permit, you're not allowed to claim on your income tax return the credit for the tax that you would have paid on those exempt purchases. We have come to the point where we can eliminate the requirement that you file the permit application and simply provide the information that we would normally ask in support of the permit on your income tax return when you claim the credit. So we are able, at this point, without jeopardizing either the