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so much. This will conclude the former senators' day, and we'll be to work in just a few minutes. Take our seats and return to business. Thank you. (Gavel) Would you please take your conversations out into the Rotunda. Thank you very much. (Gavel) Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 420 by Senator Kristensen, and a new resolution, LR 65 by Senator Hudkins. That will be laid over, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 1661-1662.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Would the Legislature please come to order. Thank you. We next move to General File, 2001 senator priority bills. LB 536, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 536, Mr. President, by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced January 11 of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. The bill was discussed, Mr. President, on April 23; at that time the Revenue Committee amendments were presented. An amendment to the bill by Senator Dierks was adopted; a second amendment by Senator Dierks to the committee amendments was adopted. When the Legislature adjourned that day, Mr. President, Senator Bruning had pending AM1553 to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 1535.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bruning, I'm going to give you just a couple of minutes to give us a brief review of what the amendment does.

SENATOR BRUNING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. What AM1553 does is it attempts to resolve a problem that's created by the budget shortfall that we face. It's pretty clear at this point that there is going to be very tight dollars, especially as we...once we pass the mainline budget there will be very few dollars available for necessary