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LB 313, 313A, 329, 465, 593, 852
LR 125, 126, 127

please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Landis' amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bruning, amendments to LB 593, four different amendments; Senator Hartnett, an amendment to LB 465; Senator Schrock, to LB 329. I have two appointment letters from the Governor, be referred to the Reference Committee. LB 313 and LB 313A are reported correctly engrossed. Your Committee on Redistricting reports LB 852 to General File with committee amendments attached. And, Mr. President, study resolutions, LR 125, Senator...LR 126 by Senator Bourne, and LR 127 by Senator Landis. Those will all be referred to the Executive Board. (Legislative Journal pages 1911-1918.)

Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Kristensen, AM1172. (Legislative Journal page 1514.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, when the house comes to order, I will recognize you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That could be awhile.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on AM1172.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Where do I start with this? Well, lets...where I'm going to start is sort of the last part of the historical discussion with Senator Vrtiska. It was late one evening, well, it was, and it was raining, but we had a real difficult discussion on the floor of the Legislature, Senator Vrtiska. It was really hard at that point because the present State Board of Equalization wasn't working. And it was very apparent that we were having trouble getting appeals through because they would have to go to the district court. And we were at the point where we had to make some decisions and they were fiscal decisions, and so we not only cut down the