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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Unicameral, I would rise to support Senator DeCamp, but I would like to make one statement while it is still fresh in everybody's mind. Senator Schmit got up and he said, there is going to be a sign in the county clerk's office, county assessor's office, your interest rates went up due to the Legislature. Evidently, Senator Schmit isn't afraid of having a sign put up, your driver's license went up from \$7 to \$10 due to the Legislature because he voted in favor of that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I was the person that objected to the bracketing of this bill until next Tuesday, and the reason I objected was I had several reasons for so objecting. One of the reasons very simply is that this particular bill had a public hearing at which time people who felt they were being adversely affected by this bill could have appeared and the Revenue Committee would have taken their viewpoints into consideration and would have adopted appropriate language had such been necessary, but they did not appear. The Revenue Committee advanced this bill after careful consideration. This bill has been on the General File calendar now for over a week. It has been passed over day by day because our committee Chairman, Senator Carsten, has not been here. He has been ill. We finally get up to considering the bill. Suddenly people are finding some difficulties, a little here and a little there, and so the solution is to lay it over at least until next Tuesday to give us the weekend to fix it up. Now there have been other bills that have been advancing fairly smoothly and I have found some difficulties with them, and I thought, well, I could file a motion to tracket or to set over to a specific date, but I didn't want to do it. I didn't want to do it because this early in the game I think it is inappropriate to interfere with the orderly working of the legislative process, and I figure I can work all that much harder and come up with an appropriate amendment for Select File, or even, if necessary, to bring back a bill on Final Reading for an amendment. And I think that we make a mistake at this juncture if we lay the bill over. I think we should defeat Senator Warner's kill motion, go ahead and advance this bill and if, in fact, there are some areas, some deficiencies that individual members want to work on, it can be done and we can have it done by Select File. But it is wrong, in my opinion,