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LB 40

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have twenty seconds.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I appreciate your support of LB 40 and the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney. Is Senator Stoney in the room? Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for, do I see five hands? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten to close.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we sure kicked this around quite a bit and I am not sure we talked about the amendment too much. Once again I want to remind you what the amendment is, that it permits the vote of the people to extend the half-cent sales tax, and if we do it expeditiously here, it can be done in their May ballot this year. I think that it does put the decision up to the people of Omaha, and if they turn it down, why that is fine with me but it is not certainly our responsibility to mandate anything on those people so with that I close, Mr. President, and urge you to adopt the committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments as explained by Senator Carsten vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. What is the next amendment? Senator DeCamp, do you want to explain the bill before we go into other discussion?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am not sure there is really all that much explaining to do. You know we have talked about this kind of almost as an annual event about like Christmas. We prepare for it. We have it and we talk a little bit about it afterwards and it comes back next year. My original proposal this year was