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this Legislature made was not to follow Senator Carsten's guidance and bring the committee bill out and let the Chairman of the Revenue Committee handle this matter and I certainly would be interested in his perspectives and I think perhaps his leadership is one that should be paid attention to, should have been paid attention to a long time ago.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the motion to lay over the two bills. The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten and then Senator Lamb. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you can pin the dart on the donkey if you want to and I will be the donkey. I instituted this call of this meeting for one o'clock this afternoon by various people that have been taking an active role in LB 284, and as has been stated, the agreement that was, which I was unaware of, but an agreement, so I have been told, has not held and that there are again disagreements. I think it is my responsibility as Chairman of the Revenue Committee to try and iron these disagreements out, so with this especially important bill, that we can move on it. It is in that light and my determination, Senator Chambers, that we are only going to talk about 284, and if I am running a meeting, which I intend to do, there will be no tie to the Omaha city sales tax, the Vet College, or any other bill. We are going to talk about 284 and the differences that several have in that opinion. I will take the blame, Senator Chambers. I am going to do what I think is the proper thing for me to do and hope that we do come up with an answer and an agreement that will hold. With that explanation, I thank you for this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the motion to pass over the bill primarily because at this point it is forty-nine minutes from adjournment and I see on the agenda that this is to be considered in the morning only. I am sure that we will stand here and discuss the bill for the next forty-nine minutes. We will really not get a consensus of agreement and that we will have wasted that amount of time which otherwise could have been used productively, and so for those reasons, I suggest that the motion to pass over should be passed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.