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LB 360

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments as amended, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Committee amendments are adopted. Now we are ready for discussion of the bill. Senator Carsten, do you wish to discuss the bill then?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I think that Senator Warner has given a full explanation of the bill. It does simplify and help in the Department of Revenue in enforcing this piece of legislation. In addition, I think it does give some help to those that are bothered by the crossing of the state lines for even a short distance. It is just a good piece of legislation and I think it is worthy of our support. I move for the advancement of LB 360 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. We need to discuss and adopt the Schmit amendment to 360.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit moves to amend the bill and the amendment is found on page 1497 and 1498 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to move the adoption of your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the adoption...Senator Schmit, do you want to explain the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, at the present time there is a special fuel tax of I believe thirteen cents or thirteen and a half cents and the Department of Revenue has determined that that applies to alcohol fuels. Now this body has exempted from taxation about five cents per gallon of the gasohol blends. At the present time there is a move being made to burn what they call wood alcohol, 160, 180 proof alcohol. If this tax is to be collected on that product, there will be, of course, a penalty placed upon the value of that product. And wood alcohol can be competitive without that special fuels tax. I think that it is in the interest of the State of Nebraska and the interest of the entire energy conscious world that we do what we can to develop a new renewable source of energy. If we continue to impose this tax or at least unless