

the fence of the inequitable and burdensome taxation that was created by the 1967 Legislature. At that time Senator Burbach and Senator...I think it was Walton, in the debate, and I don't have the debate in front of me but at length said in the last two days of the session before the sales and income tax law was implemented, that there was inequities and that in the future in the next year or two they would go over the exemptions because they knew that they were inequitable and that the homeowner was unfairly being treated but unfortunately nothing was done about it in the years thereafter. I urge you to adopt the amendment and make it fair to all instead of just to commercial use.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the adoption of the motion of Senator Wiitala to return LB 3 to Select File for the Wiitala specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Find all legislators. We are on Final Reading. You are supposed to be at your desks. Oh, it doesn't seem very much like it but we are. Have you all voted? Record the vote. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2020 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion failed. Any other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return LB 3 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I didn't plan to do this this morning but it seems like the emphasis has been all wrong this morning. I can see it going in the wrong direction entirely later on this morning. The main event, the main thought that has made me think that this is the best thing to do, I see now that Senator Maresh has an amendment to the food sales tax credit and that instead of returning 2 or 3 dollars to the homeowner in the state on the credit we can only return 1 dollar now because the budget can't afford it. We can afford to exempt 600 thousand dollars in revenue on LB 3 but in order to do that we have to cut down on the food sales tax credit now. Now the Governor has promised us and all those who have been supporting food sales tax credit have been promising us that it is a good system because they will keep up with the cost of food every year and now that promise lies destroyed or will shortly be destroyed. I have no doubt that that amendment will probably pass but, by golly, if that amendment