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LB 753

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on rejecting the committee amendments? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays on the motion to reject the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are rejected. I grant you that was backwards but at least he had to have 25 votes. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Are there any more amendments, Pat?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp had one amendment but he wants to withdraw that so I have nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Then I would move LB 753 to E & R initial, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of the bill, 753. Is there any discussion? Senator Burrows, did you want to talk on the advancement?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think you should study these little charts that are put out for you and what this will do when you add four cents which we have got in the bill right now since the committee amendments were rejected. I oppose the advancement of this bill. We are moving to a dollar thirty a carton difference between Nebraska and Wyoming to a dollar ten difference in tax per carton from Colorado. And you look at Missouri down there, about a dollar difference if we go with four cents on top now, a dollar difference from Missouri. We are inviting, if we move this far, bootlegging of cigarettes into Nebraska and a loss of the revenue from what the projections are, a loss of retail sales in the state which are simply going to be shifted to other states around us. I think it is time you look at realism as to what we can take and how much we can go beyond these other states and still not lose the sales to our Nebraska retailers of cigarettes. I'm talking about carton sales generally. It is not going to happen a pack at a time. But to move up where you make a difference of a dollar thirty a carton from an adjoining state is an open invitation to people going out of state and picking up large amounts of cigarettes and selling them back in the State of Nebraska because of the difference of cigarette tax. There are some other reasons I oppose this. I think it is really a cheap shot to