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LB 757

PRESIDENT: Motion is to return for the specific amendment that was being discussed by Senator Newell. Motion to return. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote. Yes, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I just want to...if we can get enough votes up there I will just ask for a record vote and not a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR NEWELL: So I would urge my colleagues to vote.

PRESIDENT: Let's all vote so we can get a record vote and then go on to the next one, because it is rather evident that is what is going to happen, Senator Newell, I will agree with you. Have you all voted? Record the vote and a record vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 1764 and 1765 of the Legislative Journal.) 19 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The next motion, Mr. Clerk. Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Labeledz, Goodrich and Newell would move to return LB 757 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment, Mr. President, is referred to as Request 2812. You will find it in your bill books under LB 591.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, will you discuss the motion to return. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. There is no doubt in our minds that the Legislature will increase the sales tax a half percent. That will be three and a half percent state plus any city sales tax that is imposed on that particular city. For a long time now we have discussed the sales tax on food. It is very, very essential now with the rising cost of food and I think Senator Chambers put it very well a short time ago. If there was any way possible that we could have done it in time, I would like to have also included the sales tax on utilities because we all know there is a very unfair tax there for the homeowner because the homeowner is the only one that pays the sales tax on utilities and the commercial and business use does not, but we are on the food sales tax issue. We all know too that