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LB 799

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Please vote. Please vote. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Vickers' amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The Vickers amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers would now move to indefinitely postpone the bill. That would lay it over unless the introducers agree to take it up at this time.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Remmers. Do you wish to take it up, Senator DeCamp? Okay, Senator DeCamp. Senator Vickers. Excuse me, Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is not clean-up legislation as was indicated a while ago. It is major legislation. I would like to take you back just a little. We had a big energy bill in committee last year that didn't get out of committee, couldn't get the votes to come out of committee. So the bill was made a uranium bill. Somehow when it got back on the floor the uranium part of it was lost and we got back into the same bill. In that bill last year I think if you go back to review the history of severance tax just a little bit, a number of years ago we committed severance tax to the permanent school fund. Now there was some criticism of the permanent school fund because it wasn't earning any money. Well, I don't think that was the fault of the permanent school fund. I think it was a matter of the Legislature didn't see to it that we invested it in something else. In the debate on that bill last year we came to an agreement. I had suggested that we put all the money then into the state aid fund rather than into the weatherization fund. We made an agreement here, at least we reconsidered. I know the agreement wasn't ironclad but there was an agreement that, okay, we will use it for the weatherization program for two years and then we will return it to the state aid fund. Now the introducers of this bill here today have not mentioned that part but that part has changed. The two-year status of the weatherization program was extended I think for a total of five or six years. This may not be important but I think it is quite an important issue and I think it should have been mentioned. But I guess maybe I am guilty of those same things, I won't talk about some of those things I'd rather not talk about. But it looks to me like this is a little bite at a time till we get to a great big