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LB 611, 773

Chair of the Revenue Committee. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to Item 8, Select File and LB 773.

CLERK: Mr. President, 773 was discussed yesterday. There were a series of amendments that were adopted. Senator Will had made a motion to indefinitely postpone, that laid the bill over. That motion is now pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I would ask consent to withdraw that motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. First item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion on the bill is by Senator Hall. Senator, AM1037, page 1450 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. If I have my amendments in order, yes, this amendment to the bill, LB 773, which has become the housekeeping bill for the Department of Revenue as well as the, I guess, Christmas tree version of tax issues, allows for, I guess, a number of different types of amendments to be put in place. This one is a bill that was introduced before the Revenue Committee, it's LB 611. The bill, LB 611, was brought to the committee by Senator Robak at the request of the...I think the Nebraska State Democratic Party. It deals with the issue of sales tax, and it deals with the issue of exemptions of sales tax, those exemptions that currently the Department of Revenue ruled. just recently, that were not applicable. Tax had never been collected by the department on ballot question committees, candidate committees, independent committees, and political party committees as defined in Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. That's what the amendment does, it adds that language to the list of exemptions. The tax had never been collected in the past. The department came down with a ruling saying that these entities were not exempt, thus tax had to be collected. There was a very short hearing on the bill, there was only three individuals who spoke in favor of the proposal, there was no