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LB 167, 297, 579

read the bills. So, technically, we are on Final Reading now which means that I would ask my colleagues to take their seats, that we are on Final Reading. The three bills that we will be considering are LBs 297, 167, and 579. Those are the three bills that are on Final Reading with motions to return. Mr. Clerk, LB 297.

CLERK: Mr. President, 297 is on Final Reading. The motion I have is by Senator Coordsen. Senator Coordsen would move to return LB 297 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is found on page 1398 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I'd pull that amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to return LB 297 to Select File for a specific amendment. (See AM1041 as found on page 1426 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner? There has been a live sighting of Senator Hefner. He's on his way. Senator Hefner, we're on your amendment on LB 297, your motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, what this does is split the 90-cent hour increase into two stages. I believe the first one would go into effect this particular year and then the second part would go into effect next year, and my thinking behind this is that 90 cents an hour is too much of an increase at one time, so what this would do is phase that 90 cents an hour increase over a two-year period. I believe this is only fair and just and it would give those smaller employers a little more time to perhaps increase some of their prices so that they could pay the employees a little more money. I'm not going to spend much time on it, but I want to offer this and encourage you to return LB 297 to vote on this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Morrissey.