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the top and we're going to go ahead and read LB 1257E right now. It's a fairly lengthy bill. That will give other senators an opportunity to come in, so we'll go ahead and start reading 1257.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the senators please be seated so we can proceed with Final Reading. Please proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 1257 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1257 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 2262-63 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 3 nays, 2 present and not voting, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 1257 passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 1257A.

CLERK: Madam President Senator Schmit would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (Schmit amendment appears on page 2263 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I will only take a minute or two because I don't want to delay the process, but I want to explain why I voted red on 1257. First of all I want to say that I appreciate the work that has been done by Senator Morrissey and others in this area. I do object to the mandates that come from the federal government which I think are going to cause this state to embark upon a program which will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. I know that at this time it would appear that we have no other alternative, but I think it's important to know that if this Legislature were to be embarking upon a new tax program that would have cost the taxpayers of this state millions of dollars, tens of millions, hundreds of millions, we would be severely criticized. It may well be that we have no alternative but I am of deep concern when I discover, as I have pointed out on this floor, that the development of