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LB 700A, 1050

SPEAKER WITHEM: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 700A pass with the emergency clause attached? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have all of you wishing to vote voted? Mr. Clerk, would you please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1832-33 of the Legislative Journal.) 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present not voting, 4 excused not voting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 700A passes with the emergency clause attached. Let me make a couple of announcements here. We had a guest, and I don't know if he's still or not, under the north balcony, a guest of Senator Dierks from Ewing, Kevin Fry. There he is. Mr. Fry, nice to see you. And from Senator Vrtiska's district we have 22 Sterling students from Sterling High School in Sterling, Nebraska, 22 seniors with their sponsors. And Senator Vrtiska, never missing an opportunity here, wants me to make sure that everybody knows that contained in that group we have members of the championship D-1 basketball team from this year so if you folks would stand, please. Mr. Clerk, we'll now move to LB 1050e.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud would move to return the bill for AM4233.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Yesterday I was riding down to Lincoln in the car and on the radio was Ed Jaksha and he was talking about his petition drive. And I handed out a copy of that petition, I believe it's the...well, it's one of the three there, I believe it's the white one, and he talked about the Legislature's attempt to deal with this property tax issue in the form of the property tax bills that we've been debating here on the floor. And he wasn't impressed. And he didn't plan to pull his petitions. In fact, he was encouraging people to sign his petitions. Now his belief was that unless it's in the Constitution, we're liable to change it the next year. I guess he has a philosophy towards government that he doesn't trust state legislators, and that probably carried over when he worked to enact the term limits. He doesn't trust elected officials to do their job, so he said we're going to put it in the Constitution so that they can't