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LB 76A, 880
LR 129-131

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Discussion? The question is the advancement of LB 76A. Senator Chambers, did you want to close? The question is the advancement of LB 76A. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 76A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 6A (sic--LB 76A) is advanced. We'll proceed to Final Reading. Members would please return to their desks. Mr. Clerk, while people are getting ready, any items for the record?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Study resolutions. (Read brief summary of LR 129-130.) Both will be referred to the board. LR 131, by Senator Dierks. That also will be referred to the board. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1995-1997.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We are on Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, LB 880.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to return the bill for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on your motion to return.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. It's hard enough for the Legislature to do good state policy and explain complicated issues to our constituents and to the state. We tackle and struggle with that every day here. And we have some very complex things that are so intertwined with other things that we do...property tax collides with state aid, state aid collides with other projects, which collides with the desire to give tax refunds...and these things are all intertwined. And we spend most of our time trying to explain to our constituents what we do here and how the big picture fits together. And it's hard enough for us to do that. But then occasionally comes along a newspaper or an editorial which not only doesn't have the facts, but seems to be full of