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LB 36

Record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 2140-2141.)
28 ayes, 14 nays, 7 excused and not voting for final passage of
LB 36 with the emergency clause attached.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill does not pass with the emergency
clause attached. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Wickersham
would move to reconsider the final vote on final passage of
LB 36, with the emergency clause attached.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to
open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Members of the body, I understand from the
vote that was taken that some of you apparently have some
antipathy toward creating what you would characterize as a new
department in state government. And I'm not one to promote the
rampant growth of state government, more departments, more
departments, more commissions, more boards, more this, more
that. But the fact of the matter is that the Property Tax
Administrator's Office is completely separate already
in...within the Department of Revenue. The Department...the
administrator is appointed by the Governor, separate from the
tax commissioner. The property tax administrator is not
accountable to the commissioner of revenue. They have separate
payrolls, they have separate...in effect, separate budgets.
Everything is separate. There were 29 votes to pass the bill.
It lacked one vote to have the emergency clause attached. I
could have allowed the bill to be adopted without the emergency
clause, and perhaps that's what I should have done. But I
should advise you that the emergency clause was on the bill to
save money. That's the only reason that the emergency clause
was attached to that bill. It was to save money. Now, if you
can recognize that the bill is likely to pass and join with me
in saving money, then I would hope that you would support the
motion to reconsider, because without the E clause, I can't tell
you how many thousands of dollars it's going to cost, and it's
going to cost money in what we would think is a very kind of
bureaucratic sense, because it will cause the Department of