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LB 881

LB 881 is Senator Tyson, following by Senators Schrock, Crosby, Cudaback, Bromm, Redfield, Robak, and Chambers. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I rise to urge the passage of LB 881. We have heard it suggested with some horror that one of the shortcomings is that we might give this, monies, back to the people that paid it in and God knows we wouldn't want to do that. It would disturb our Marxian ethic terribly. What has happened is that we, you and I, the members of the Nebraska Unicameral assisted by the caprices of good fortune, have taxed more than is necessary for the operation of the state and now, having this in full barrels of money, we can do several things with it: number one, we can dig a large hole and lower the barrels in until we need them; number two, we could do the unthinkable, which is to give it back to the people that paid for it; number three, we could give it to the people who have all sorts of wonderful things, magnificent things that they can do with someone else's money; or we can, in this case, via the committee amendments, strike a compromise and one that I have declared before I am not particularly enamored of, and in the form of credits attempt to pass it back to the people that paid it in so that they would be paying less monies in the future than they would were we to set this in those barrels deep in the ground. I opt for the committee amendments and, therefore, for this bill, and I think on reflection the difficulties of returning it to those who paid it in are numerous. It's possible to be done. It was possible to get it out of them. I don't see why we can't get it back to them, but it would involve a lot of work by a lot of people. This is an acceptable compromise. And because it is an acceptable compromise, nothing more than that, I urge that we all support LB 881 as I urged before. Mr. Speaker, the balance of the time to the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schrock, on the advancement of LB 881.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I heard Senator Schimek say that she didn't think this would be appreciated. Well, it's probably not as much as I would like to see go out, but I can tell you that certainly those of us involved in agriculture will appreciate a little