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LB 171

LB 26A, and then also LB 1401, which was on Final Reading for a specific amendment, since that amendment was pulled, that bill is eligible to be read on Final Reading. We'll put that at the end of Final Reading this morning, and we will add the A bill. So, if you're making changes, at the end of Final Reading this morning add LB 1401 and LB 1401A. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Mr. Clerk, I'm sorry I interrupted you. Were you finished with your items for the record?

CLERK: Yes, sir, Mr. President. I do have...Senator Wickersham would move to return LB 171 to Select File for purposes of striking the enacting clause. (FA370, Legislative Journal page 1626.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open on your amendment to return.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, it is my intention to withdraw this motion after speaking to it and perhaps giving others an opportunity to speak to the motion, if they wish to. This...as you can recall from the previous debate, this...this is a bill that I do not believe is good policy for the state of Nebraska in terms of tax policy, and it is also a bill that, as I've indicated before, I do not believe rises to the top of our spending priorities for the state at a time when we're going to have to make some very, very difficult choices about what we do use state resources for. Now I've made most of these arguments before, so I want to be brief again this morning; I don't want to take necessarily a lot of time on this particular bill. But I believe it is a very important bill because of the policy statement that we would be making if this bill passes. And the policy statement that we would be making is that in the future some other business or some other industry subject to a federal mandate, having to acquire goods, or property, or services that are subject to sales tax, would have more than good justification for coming to us and saying, I need a break and you gave a break to the broadcasters, and you ought to continue the precedent you've set, and you ought to give me, us, however they characterize it, a break. I don't know how we'd ever sort through all of those claims for a break. I have