

March 25, 1975

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to get on the floor and say, ditto to Senator Cavanaugh's speech.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the Resolution as amended be indefinitely postponed. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 6 nays to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The Resolution is indefinitely postponed. Senator Anderson asked the chair to recognize 34 12th graders from Red Cloud in Webster County, Nebraska. They are in the South balcony. Welcome to all you people from Cather land.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is pending...there is not pending, there is the following motion being made. I move to override the veto of the Governor on LB 427. Signed R. Clark.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to override the Governor on this particular veto. I had a communications system sent to me last night that the Governor might like. I don't know. This is it. Now it will work all right for short distances. It is not adaptable for the highway patrol because of the distance between cars and the cost of the string but it would help the ecology by helping to use up the old cans. Now it is very cheap so it could be used in it. I don't think that is what the people of Nebraska want but I am sure that it is something that could be used in it. Now I'd like, for your information, to go through this and I'd hope that people would listen this time on it because I want to go through his letter. He says that this was a LT&T bill. This bill was written by our Committee last year and was LB 892 at that time. Section 10 was written this year. That's the one that is in contention at the present time. It has taken six years to get this far with this. Contrary to the Governor's statement, I think this is a fair bill. It is fair to the taxpayers that we have to look out for. It is fair to the state agencies and it is certainly fair to the telephone users who eventually have to pay the bill anyway. Now I should apologize if you didn't understand the bill on General File. I explained the bill section by section and I even explained the controversial section on it. Very few bills go through anyplace without some lobbying on them and this bill was certainly no exception. The telephone company's fear, cream-skimming threatened by the Executive Branch. Now in case you don't know what cream-skimming is, you are talking about high volume lines between here and Omaha or between here and Grand Island that have a real high volume and the state government will use our money, our tax money to build the system there taking the high volume line off the telephone companies and private industry and putting that same amount of money right back under the users of the telephone system. It is just not right to be in competition, in my opinion, with private industry. Over 50 telephone companies supported this.