

April 10, 1975

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, 22 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 455. Introduced by Senator Anderson. He's gone, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 530.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 530. Introduced by Senator...by the Revenue Committee and signed by the members thereof. Bill read. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I'll get to it pretty quick. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 530 does revise the licensing of commercial vehicles and I think the committee's statement, and if you'll permit me to just read it, really clarifies what the bill really does. It does bring it into compliance with what other states are doing. It's a reciprocal type bill whereby truckers can license their vehicles and go into other states, in this state, and for that portion of the highway that is traveled in other states, it is reimbursed to those states from the homestate of an owner. It's an act which provides for registration fee of \$32 per ton based upon gross vehicle weight. For the registration and licensing of a fleet of commercial vehicles which operate an interstate commerce in this state. This single registration fee would be utilized in lieu of taxes on motor vehicles which are proportionally registered in this state. Current statutes require that the Department of Motor Vehicles to determine the fee payment to be equal to that amount obtained by applying a proportion of an instate fleet miles to total fleet miles to the fee which would require them for total fleet registration in this state. The amount of the tax due under section 77-124.02, this procedure requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to check each vehicle assessment which is engaged in commercial transportation in this state. It does bring it into compliance with other states clear across the country. It is more and more being excepted and is whole heartedly endorsed. It was brought to us by, to the committee by the Motor Carriers Association and there was no opposition to the bill at the hearing. I move for the advancement of LB 530 to E & R Initial, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of LB 530....Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I think it should be pointed out, I had some concern about this bill and I'll probably vote for its advancement, but it is cutting into our traditional taxing system of taxing property based on its value. I think I'd like to point out that if you have a \$5,000 vehicle, it hauls the same load as a \$25,000 vehicle, they're both going to pay the same amount here now. Where under our traditional taxing based on assessed evaluation, they pay taxes on a different amount. I'm not sure this is...I know it makes it easier for these people to pay their fees, I guess, and easier for our public officials to divide it up among the proper subdivisions of government, but we've had the same request to do the same with motor vehicles. Our own passenger cars, etc. I am a little concerned about heading in this direction. To do away with