

We will move onto Final Reading, #169.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of motions to the bill. The first I have is a motion by Senator DeCamp to return LB 169 to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment you will find in your bill books, Mr. President.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Are there some additional motions after that?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, then I would withdraw mine.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Howard Peterson. Senator Peterson would move to return LB 169 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Peterson amendment appears on page 1617 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this particular amendment would strike the word "three" and insert in place "6" as far as the reserve is concerned. My concern is that if we are going to enact this legislation that we ought to be sure that we have reserve enough that we don't have to come back into legislative session every time something happens to our income. Had we had a 6% reserve in this year we probably would not be as concerned as we are now about where we are going to get the money. I think it is just good business for us to do that. As you all know, I am personally opposed to LB 169. I have laid out on your desks this morning the results of the poll that was taken at the Founder's Day dinner in Omaha last Saturday. There were 443 people who answered the questionnaire and it was quite a lengthy questionnaire, those of you who were there will remember. One of the specific questions was on LB 169. Out of the 443 people that answered that questionnaire there were 58 who did not answer that particular question relative to LB 169. There were 321 who said we ought to keep the Board of Equalization. There were only 76 who said to give the duties to the Legislature and there were 46 who said to split the duties as Senator DeCamp's amendment would have done and apparently he has withdrawn that amendment. So that would mean we are talking about a very high percentage of people who really believe that we ought to keep the Board of Equalization and I think that has been the argument on this floor. I feel the Board of Equalization is the one check that we have on this body. Certainly by our taking over the revenue