

April 9, 1985

LB 190, 453

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pappas has an announcement he would like printed in the Journal. (Laughter.)

Mr. President, Senator DeCamp has amendments to 453. (See page 1434 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Pappas would like to withdraw that announcement earlier made.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn, wisely.

CLERK: Mr. President, just a reminder that the Appropriations Committee will meet in Executive Session upon adjournment in Room 1003. Appropriations upon adjournment, 1003.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will move on to LB 190.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 190 was a bill that was offered by Senator Chronister, as primary introducer, with Senators Hoagland, Smith, Eret, Goodrich, Pappas, Miller, Nelson, Barrett, Hartnett, Nichol, Lynch, Rod Johnson, Withem, Hefner, Baack, Sieck and Scofield signing the bill as well. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 15 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee for public hearing. Mr. President, the bill was advanced to General File. There are Revenue Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, did you want to take the committee amendments? Or didn't you?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am huffing and puffing a little bit because I am running back from lunch, but smoking cigarettes along the way too, probably. But I haven't done it, Senator Chronister. This bill is a very straightforward bill. The federal government is eliminating its eight cent cigarette tax October 1st, 1985. Senator DeCamp is skeptical. So are a lot of other people. In any event, the Governor proposed and Senator Chronister followed suit, with the introduction of LB 190, that the state simply pick up, we pick up the eight cent tax which the federal government is going to abandon October 1st, 1985. The proposal was that we earmark it, we take that eight cents and we commit a part of that to the Department of Economic Development, a part of that to the Natural Resources Commission and a part of that to fund the