

May 31, 1985

LB 460
LR 286

Chambers resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the adoption of the Chambers resolution. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 286.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The resolution is adopted. We'll move on to LB 460.

CLERK: Mr. President, 460, the first item I have are...LB 460 was offered by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 21, referred to the Ag and Environment Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Agriculture and Environment Committee.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator Rod Johnson. Could we please have your attention. (Gavel.) We are a little bit noisy this morning. So please pay attention and afford the speakers your courtesy. Thank you.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, members, LB 460 was introduced by myself on behalf of the Department of Agriculture. It, basically, affects five areas in the department. First of all it affects the Pest and Plant Disease Administrative Fund, affects the Pure Food Act, affects the Nebraska Seed Law, and it also affects the weights and measures law as well as general powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture. The committee amendments, very simply, are technical changes that we made that are really just language changes to bring the bill into conformity. There is nothing very substantial about the changes. We strike all reference in the area of the seed law to initial labelers because we are not sure how many labelers there are at this point. So we simply ask that we strike that language for now and find out just how many seed men there are in the state and how many labelers we have. Then after that is established we will go back in and, of course, re-establish maybe that language. We also changed from a permissive to a mandatory that the Director of Agriculture shall refuse any permit that does not comply with the Nebraska Seed Law. Finally, we also changed some language in regards to nontemporary food service permits. Basically, that is the committee amendments. As I said they