

pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2567 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 614 passes. May I interrupt long enough to say that over under the south balcony is some heavy laden cake for your enjoyment. It is compliments of Senator Eret whose birthday we are celebrating today. Let's congratulate him a little. Thank you, Senator. LB 342.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Barrett would move to return 342 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is on page 2454 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment which I am asking the body to attach to 342 is found on 2454 of the Journal. The bill itself was introduced by the Business and Labor Committee at the request of the Department of Labor. It is intended to address what is the appropriate district court venue for contribution liability cases. The Nebraska Supreme Court, about two years ago, I believe it was 1983, determined that the section to be amended by the bill requires contribution liability case appeals from administrative hearings to be held in Lancaster County, and in no other county in the state. The Supreme Court decision at that time was a complete surprise to everyone, contrary to long accepted practices up to that point, caused a great deal of confusion and, of course, led to the introduction of the bill itself. LB 342 then, in its Final Reading form, provides that the district court venue for contribution liability cases is to be held in Lancaster County. The purpose of the amendment then is to change that according to the criteria that you find in the amendment. This was agreed upon, very amicable discussion and decision, by the Department of Labor, interested parties and committee staff. So I would move that we return the bill for that specific amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak to this? Your light is on. All right, thank you. The motion