

it, Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Well, I think I'd be willing to pay for part of it, at least.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I just wanted to say Senator Carpenter did have a point in regard to these gas meters because I will tell you exactly what is happening at the present time. You can take a man who has an irrigation well at the present time and the fellow comes out there with a propane truck to fill his tank. He has to pay to get his meter checked by the state of Nebraska, but right across the road the natural gas company can be servicing another fellow on an irrigation well and he doesn't have to get his tested, and I think Senator Carpenter had a good point but it can't be in this particular bill because it wasn't in there last time.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? Senator Stromer, do you wish to close? Are you ready for the question. All those in favor of adopting the amendment vote aye. Those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. The clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, on motion to adopt.

SPEAKER: The amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Stromer, what will you do with the bill?

SENATOR STROMER: I would move LB 17 to E & R engrossing as amended.

SPEAKER: Any discussion? All those in favor of advancing the bill say aye. Those opposed no. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: All right. Now, Mr. President, we have a motion to return LB 220 to Select File for the following specific amendment by Senator Anderson.

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 220 is a bill which would require the counties to pay fulltime veteran's service officers the same salary as is now the case for county officials. This bill had very little opposition on General File consideration but in checking this thing over the thing we found was that the Veteran's Service Committee as appointed by the County Board, but then it can go ahead and appoint the Veteran's Service Officer and the County Board now would be required to pay a certain salary but it has no control over whether the Veterans Service Officer is full or parttime and so, the law says the county has to pay the salary, has to levy tax to pay the salary. The reason this amendment is suggested is that it would give the County Board the authority to confirm the appointment of the Veteran Service Officer who is appointed by the Veteran Service Committee. It would give the County Board and the Veterans Service Committee joint authority to determine whether this officer is going to be full or parttime, to evaluate his workload and determine whether a fulltime or parttime Veteran Service Officer is needed. So, basically, what we are saying is if the County Board has the authority or is directed by us to pay a fulltime salary, that we are, in effect, setting, then, we should give them the authority to determine whether this officer is going to be full or parttime and to confirm his appointment. So, I move that... let's see, I move first to return LB 220 to Select File for this specific amendment.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? Senator Lewis,