

pertinent question, I think that we need to look at it seriously. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore next to speak on LB597.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, members. One of the most often complaints that I hear out in my legislative district is the problem of income tax and the problem is that they are having to pay so much more than last year. That is that there incomes are so great that it is getting to be a problem. Especially among the businesspeople that have been affected by the shortages. The so called shortages. We have many of our operators of certain business doing more business than ever but still they have shortages. I think that it would be a good idea for all of you to call your lawyer or anyone that you know who does income tax and kind of get a handle on just how does the income of this year compare to that of last year and I think that you would be surprised. I would like to ask Senator Anderson a question if he would yield. Senator Anderson, do you have any concrete comparisons of income tax receipts anticipated of this coming year and those of the past? Or are you just operating as a puppet for someone?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I think that if we are going to talk about concrete figures we will have to go back to the only concrete figures that we have and these are the figures that have been given as estimates by our own fiscal analysis staff. That is what I am using.

SENATOR NORE: Have you visited with any of your constituents about income tax?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I have visited with lots of constituents about income tax and I have got people on both sides. I have got farmers who are saying that they are making more money and I have got cattle feeders who are talking about the fantastic losses that they are having right now and that they are going to reduce their income tax obligation and I have got workers.....

SENATOR NORE: You say right now, you say right now, this covers the whole year. I think so far as, I know that we have had some losses in cattle but lets take the whole, I think that we have a misconception here and the cattle business hasn't been too bad when you average it a all out. You take the ups and downs it hasn't been too bad. I think what we should do, you had probably better talk about taxes to some of the constituents. Ask them if they would like to have an increase in income tax.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is going to take the bill by the horn here. We have five more people who desire to speak on the bill. We have other reports and other work to do this morning. We do have five more persons to speak on 597, the Chair would now recognize Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I hope that the two Senators who are in competition with me for Lt. Governor are listening. We have a gentleman from the western part of Nebraska Mr. Whelan who is a...he would do anything that he is told to do. I presume that he is in favor of raising the income taxes ahead of the time that the state needs the money. Senator Burbach and Senator Lewis are both candidates for Lt. Governor the same as I am and when the issue is joined. The other three members are in favor of raising the income taxes ahead of the time of