

March 22, 1979

LB 94, 65

CLERK: 25 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LEWIS: Motion carries. The next issue before the House is LB 65. Senator Carsten has a motion to return to Select File. Senator Carsten. The Call is raised.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is to return LB 65 for a specific amendment. It was one that I had up yesterday and one that I had distributed to you, but because there was some concern with it, it appeared that we had better not deal with it yesterday and get that cleared up. I hope we have done that, and my attempt this morning is to put this...to return it to put this amendment on. Basically, the amendment is this...as you well know, mobile homes are taxed as personal property, and those taxes are due the year in which they are levied. Now we have many older people that are going into the mobile home housing, that when they go to get their permit, they automatically pay their taxes, and even though they have realized they are eligible for the homestead exemption and have made an application, that exemption has not been granted, and through the process it takes some time. But for them to pay their taxes by the deadline, and having not had that exemption granted, they are in no way, by statute, given an opportunity to have that exemption replaced, or returned to them. It is with that in mind that this amendment has been drawn that will grant the County Treasurers the privilege of returning that portion which then after the exemption has been granted to them. That is the reason for the motion, Mr. President. There are not a great many of them, but that is becoming a problem for older people, particularly those that are on a...on a low income. We did provide in LB 76 for an exemption for those over 65, and that of course will be in 76, but this for those that make the application and are...has not been granted. I move for the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I was the one who conferred with Senator Carsten, because I did have a question. The question has been satisfactorily answered to me and I would support moving this back for the specific amendment.