

April 5, 1979

LB 365

sister, Sandy. Will you please rise so we may say hello to you? We now move to item #7, Special Order, LB 365. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 365. Title read. The bill was read on January 17 of this year. The bill was referred to the Revenue Committee. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments that we adopted says that it may not exceed one and a half percent or thereby granting that increase over what is already permitted but that it could be implemented to be lower than that if they so desire. Also that the City of Omaha would be required to place the issue retaining the higher rate in the primary or general election of 1980, and if the issue was approved, the rate would continue through 1981. If it fails by the vote of the people, then the one and a half cent rate would revert back to the one percent at the end of 1980. I think that the committee felt that in the original form that it was granting this extension for a pretty good length of time and that the city could very well accomplish the problems that they see fit to need this for in a lesser time and that was the reason for setting the date back.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you move the adoption of the committee amendment?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. Clerk, do you have other amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend the committee amendments: Read DeCamp amendment as offered on page 1326, Legislative Journal.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to first say that for myself and for all the people interested in the bill we fully accept and want to adopt the committee amendments. The committee amendments propose the concept that we discussed at great length last year and that was whether there should be a vote of the people on this fairly serious matter affecting the people of Omaha