

March 27, 1980

LB 647

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Labeledz amendment...amendments. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz now has amendments printed on 1513.

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, pass those over and the next one too.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz wishes to withdraw those, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Newell now moves to amend. Those amendments are on page 1504 of the Journal. Senator Newell wishes to withdraw. Senator DeCamp now has amendments, Mr. President. Senator DeCamp...amendments to the bill. Senator Chronister has amendments...Mr. President, Senator Chronister had an amendment on 1515 that he wishes to withdraw, and substitute therefore an amendment which would read as follows: (Read the Chronister amendment as found on page 1583 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the first part of my amendment to LB 647 would amend Section 77-3508 by providing a homestead exemption for an additional category of homeowners. This category would be individuals who have suffered the loss of both arms above the elbow. Now, according to the fiscal analyst's office, the Department of Revenue, there is no way to precisely predict how many homeowners and how many dollars would be involved. The Department of Welfare staff indicates that there is no data available showing the number of Nebraskans who have suffered the loss of both arms. However, I think you will agree with me that there is no way, that we are talking about a very small number of individuals. In fact, I know of only one. The latest Department of Revenue figures show that in the case of individuals already qualifying for homestead exemptions because they are paralyzed in both legs or have lost both legs, or have progressive neuromuscular or neurological disease precluding locomotion without aid of braces, crutches, canes, wheelchairs or artificial limbs. The total amount of the homestead exemptions statewide is \$165,000 for the calendar year 1979. This is for 345 applicants. Anyone who has undergone the loss of both arms has almost invariably also suffered a reduction if not total