

April 8, 1980

LB 740

CLERK: Committee amendments, Senator, adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I move the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 740. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. Senator Wesely, your light is on.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I just want to take one second to emphasize the support for this legislation. As you know it was considered by the voters and in the '78 election fell just short of getting passed. Certainly with the energy crisis that we faced in recent times would indicate that the general public is now more aware of the problem and probably would be much more supportive and we should see this legislation pass, if placed on the ballot I believe this next year. So I strongly support the option of allowing the voters a chance to make a decision on this matter and I think it would be helpful in trying to solve, at least in part, the energy problem we have in Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support this bill. I think it is high time that we try to do something, try to do something to overcome this energy shortage, also try to overcome the stranglehold of the OPEC nations and I believe that this is one way that we can do it or at least it is a start for us. I think that we need to keep on promoting energy conservation and this, I believe, would be the proper way to bring it to a vote of the people. I urge you to support this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol. We have eight minutes left on this bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature,