

these angles and I ask you to advance this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck was closing. We now vote on the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no, 233.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? There are five excused. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: 233 does not advance.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 278 introduced by Senators Goodrich, Hefner and Howard Peterson. (Read title). The bill was first read on January 16, referred to the Revenue Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I do have committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Carsten, are you going to handle the committee amendments, please?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 278 is a bill that provides for a sales tax refund if the sales tax rate is raised during the term of a fixed price construction contract. That was the basis for the introduction of the bill. And the refund would be equal to the amount of the additional tax that was imposed as a result of that increase. The committee had two amendments that they put to the bill, one was that the contractor shall refund to the Department of Revenue the sales tax savings if the sales tax is reduced during that same period of time. And the second amendment was that it exempt those areas, nonprofit organizations providing services primarily from home health care purposes. Now these are usually provided by hospitals which are exempt anyhow and it was in that light that these two amendments were provided and adopted by the committee, and we recommend and urge your approval of the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Carsten, I believe Senator Beutler has an amendment to the committee amendments. Is that the way you wish to handle that, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think...I didn't have an opportunity to talk to Senator Carsten, one way or the other, it doesn't matter to me. It would be appropriate because of some of the language in the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, Senator. Clerk, would you read in the Beutler amendment?