

April 7, 1982

LB 757

CLERK: Mr. President, I have one motion on 757, Senator Warner for purposes of...we need to withdraw the one that was in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to withdraw the one in the....this is 757, you withdraw one?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: The one in the Journal....

SENATOR WARNER: The one is as good as the other.

PRESIDENT:is to be withdrawn. That is withdrawn. Now, Mr. Clerk, read the....

CLERK: Senator Warner would move to return LB 757 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Read the Warner amendment as found on page 1761 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: I still didn't change it enough. Through December 31st, doesn't that read?

CLERK: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, did you get that changed? Did you get that, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: May 1 through December 31st.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Warner, go ahead.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Nebraska has had a tax base of sales and income tax now going on 15 years and we have discovered in that period of time that sales and income tax are extremely responsive to the economy. There was a period through the seventies primarily because of inflation that without changing rates substantial additional funds were being raised for appropriations. Then we had one experience in '75-'76 when there was a recession in the economy and then we saw what happens then because of that responsiveness. Today we are again experiencing the similar situation only obviously a deeper recession or perhaps even a stronger word which so directly affects receipts from this tax. Most of us grew up being used to property tax which obviously has great stability, stability in the fact that if you do not pay it, the government can sell your property.