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LB 799

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: If we can get a little more order in here we will continue if you'd like. It doesn't make a bit of difference to me. I'm happy, content, never had more fun in my life. We will now take up 799 for the third time.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion I have on 799 is a motion to return the bill for a specific amendment. That is offered by Senator Koch.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, what this amendment proposes to do is it takes \$100,000 from the Revenue Department and places it at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, for research in energy. You remember a few days ago we talked about \$100,000 in the Gasohol Committee and I'm committed to the fact that that committee will use it for whatever purposes but if we are going to say that the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, is the major research arm of the State of Nebraska, then I think it is time we acknowledge that with \$100,000 to that department for the purpose of energy research. Now they can tell me the Revenue Department needs \$100,000 to implement this bill if they want to but I submit to you if that is what it takes, the bill will not see action for ninety days. Then we've got too many inefficient agencies in the State of Nebraska because they can piggyback on the federal dollars and do it, and I think with somewhere around \$75,000. Now there are all kinds of rumors floating around out here about vetoes and all that and in Mr. Bare's credit, he said that that is rumor. He has not heard that and I submit to you that we should adopt this amendment but obviously there are not too many people interested in this but I am for the record going to say, before we adjourn on Friday I want to see the Revenue Department's, the fiscal figures on what it is going to cost them to administer LB 799 and any dollars it is not using in administering LB 799. I want an audit on it by the time we meet here next January and all that money is going to be returned to its appropriate place which will be...Mr. Chairman,

SENATOR CLARK: (Gavel.) Could we have quiet please. Senator Koch cannot hear himself mumble.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I wasn't mumbling, I was speaking rather eloquently.

SENATOR CLARK: I didn't think so.

SENATOR KOCH: But for the record, and I'm going to state one