

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: There is no motion to advance so I guess we have nothing before us. Senator Higgins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I had my light on to speak, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, but the motion to advance was not before us. Did you wish to speak?

SENATOR HIGGINS: What motion is before us?

SPEAKER NICHOL: There isn't any.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well the only thing I would like to speak on then is when I spoke before I said I would vote against bracketing the bill because I thought we should deal with it now. Instead I voted to bracket the bill and it was because of what Senator Wesely said. Senator Wesely pointed out that next year would be an election year and it would be a tough time to have to discuss this bill and vote on it. And it reminded me of how last year was an election year and we voted for the homestead exemption and then this year, now that we've been elected, we had a motion to take away that homestead exemption. I changed my vote because I think it's right. I wanted to bracket it until next year after hearing Senator Wesely speak because then I think we would get a more honest feeling from the senators than we do this year when the voters would have two years to forget how we voted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We'll move on to LB 269.

CLERK: Mr. President, 269 was a bill introduced by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 17, referred to the Revenue Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Revenue Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 269 is a tough bill to understand. That's why the Revenue Department has prepared an explanation of the bill which you'll now find on your desk that you can