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LB 344

CLERK: Mr. President, 344 was a bill that was offered by Senator Vard Johnson. (Title read.) First read on January 17, referred to Revenue, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, when I was first elected to the Nebraska Legislature, one of my zealous colleagues that was elected at the same time was Senator Peter Hoagland. We had a notion that an awful lot of our statutes were obsolete, needing to be repealed. So for the first two years of his legislative career he fixated on obsolete statutes and it was quite successful what he did. We repealed township banns, a lot of other good things like that. Well, we finally memorialized in statute a process for repealing obsolete law. The Revisor of Statutes is required annually to present to us a list of things that are obsolete, no longer necessary, and so on and so forth, and so at the beginning of each legislative session, we go through an exercise of repealing things which the Revisor of Statutes believe to be outmoded, no longer necessary, et cetera. Well, apparently, Joanne Pepperl missed something this year and she missed a reference to a franchise tax which has been nonexistent for a long period of time. In any event, we have somebody in the Department of Revenue who has the same kind of fixation on obsolete terms and words as Senator Hoagland did. He found this reference and he brought it to me and he said would you carry this important bill, Vard? And I said, well, I guess I will, nobody else will take care of it. He couldn't find Peter so I have put on the floor LB 344 which is to eliminate a reference to a tax which no longer exists, and at this juncture I offer to you LB 344.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There appears to be a total lack of interest in the bill, Senator Johnson. Do you care to close?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Rightfully so there was a lack of interest in this dog. I ask it be advanced.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The motion is the advancement of LB 344. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting aye, Pat.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.