

March 11, 1985

LB 72, 360, 712

SPEAKER NICHOL: You may have a record vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 905-6 of the Legislative Journal.) 11 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to raise the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk, to put in?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir. I have a report from the Ag and Environment Committee on a confirmation hearing.

Senator DeCamp would move to reconsider the indefinite postponement of LB 72. That would be laid over.

Government Committee offers notice of hearing, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We'll move on to LB 712.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 712 offered by Senator Vard Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 22 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, do you wish to take the amendments first, or...Okay.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the legislative body, these committee amendments are of substantive importance and in fact are important to your political future and life. So I think it is important that you understand what the committee amendments do before you cast your vote yea or nay on the same. LB 712 is the first property tax relief bill that the Revenue Committee put to the floor of the Legislature. The next property tax relief bill is LB 38, which will be heard after this bill. I believe there will be at least one more property tax relief measure to come which will be a state aid to school bill. I think that the Revenue Committee is likely to advance one to the floor. What we are trying to do is we are trying to begin to acclimate the body on the issue of property tax relief. We are providing the body with a variety of choices. But the committee amendment represents in a sense a ground rule for even making the choice. The committee