

I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Schmit on LB 552.

Senator Hefner offers a confirmation hearing report.

Miscellaneous Subjects reports 95 to General File and 359 to General File and Ag and Environment reports 137 to General File with committee amendments attached. (See pages 1028-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scofield would move to amend the bill. (Scofield amendment appears on pages 1034-36 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Scofield. May we have order in the Chamber, please. You're doing very well. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members of the body, I guess after listening to the debate this morning, if you weren't already confused about this issue, you should be thoroughly confused by now. As you know I sought a compromise on this issue and all I've proven by that is that I am not King Solomon. We don't have a compromise and so in lieu of that, I am proposing that we essentially strike all sections of 662 and we basically adopt the study that I proposed earlier that was filed in the Journal, but no other part of the bill would go. And the reason for me bringing that suggestion to you is I think is well illustrated by the debate on the floor this morning. Senator Nichol has made the comment he is sick of studies and let's not do any more studies on this issue and yet I think the debate this morning illustrates that we don't know enough to make this decision and what we are in fact doing out of our frustration is just trying to uproot a system that we don't know whether it's fair or not. We've all agreed that there are inequities in the system regardless of whether you're pro or con on the bill. We've all agreed that there needs to be some work done and so I am proposing that we quit standing up here arguing about it and we get down to the business of studying the bill and trying to achieve the goals that we do in fact all seek. We all seek tax equity. The problem with that is I don't think we have successfully