

earmarking or nonearmarking, but the bill ought not to be killed. So I simply recommend that we revive the bill. The bill will come back to you on green copy form. I will personally offer the amendment to take the earmarking out at the right time. I do not support the earmarking. I am prepared, however, I guess, to abide the wisdom of the body if they want to retain the earmarking, that's the body's choice, but I don't think the earmarking should be there. By the same token, the bill itself ought to be alive and with that I would move that we reconsider our emotional vote to indefinitely postpone LB 190.

PRESIDENT: The Chair has this speaking order. Senator Sieck, Wesely, Labeledz, Chronister and DeCamp. Senator Sieck, you are recognized.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, first of all I want to congratulate Senator Vard Johnson for having a change of heart. I do appreciate that. There are items here that are very important and I feel that it would be a shame if we would lose a tax that...income that could possibly get away from us. I don't smoke myself so it doesn't make me any difference. It doesn't cost me anything, but Senator Conway here, he is willing to pay for it, so I want to get his money, so to speak, and I think that's what we need to do. We're all used to it. We're used to paying that and I think that we dare not lose it. Now as far as earmarking, the areas that we're talking about is Economic Development, the conservation movement and the colleges. They're all important and at this very stressing time they are more important than they ever have been because money is being cut back from the federal level constantly and we need to pick some of this cost up from the local level. In the Economic Development we had a little meeting about tourism here the other day, or last evening. This is an area that we need to work and need to have some money developed into that area which could make Nebraska a lot of money. In other words, if we could develop a better tourism program, I'm sure that we could increase a lot of tax income to the State of Nebraska. So these are things that we have to do and I feel that we should. So again, I want to encourage the body to bring this bill back up and we'll debate further as the time provides for us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely.