

SPEAKER NICHOL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 109, LR 95. May I have your attention, please, a moment. The photographer is in the Chamber, Legislative Chamber, what do you call it, rest room, the lounge, I guess we better call it, and he would like to take your pictures if you have not had them taken. So look your prettiest and please visit the photographer in the lounge for your picture. Thank you. We will move on to priority bills, LB 687. Oh, let's go back to Revenue first, LB 715. Excuse me.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 715 was introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was read on February 2 of this year, Mr. President, referred to Revenue Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Revenue Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a hard time speaking about this bill watching Senator Haberman walk in with a \$6 million exemption in his pocket but I will. Governor Kerrey brought to this Legislature a bill designed to provide more equity in our tax system and that is LB 715. Governor Kerrey had spent quite a bit of time examining the many exemptions that we have in today's sales tax to determine which of these exemptions should be treated as equitable and which should not be treated as equitable and the standard that Governor Kerrey used was he examined the sales tax laws of the six states that surround Nebraska to determine whether or not the exemptions in those laws conformed to the exemptions in Nebraska law. Now yesterday I passed out a little booklet which is on your desk which will kind of be our working paper as we do this bill. It is a blue booklet, and if you have lost your copy, I have got some extras kicking around so just put your hand up and the Page will come I am sure and find you and give you an extra copy because we are going to work with this blue booklet during most of the day. But you will discover in your blue booklet a little table on page...well, it has got the number 1 on it but the table reflects the laws of the sister states in terms of sales tax exemptions and nonexemptions. What Governor Kerrey decided is that if a