

branch, the Governor is the executive branch. We do our job to the best of our ability, he does his to the best of his ability. Quite frankly, most of us try to cooperate and work with him. But, in this case, we did our job, not with my vote because I voted against the bill. But there was a majority of this group, of the legislative body, that did their job as they saw fit and with a majority vote passed LB 662. The Governor had the opportunity when he got the bill. If he didn't like it, which apparently he didn't, why didn't he exercise his executive authority and veto the portion that he didn't like and send it back and we could have reacted accordingly? That is the process that we use in Nebraska and I think he had the opportunity and didn't use it. The effective date of LB 662 is 1987. We have got next session, this interim to study the question, if it needs to be studied, and further work done on it. We don't need a special session. We are trying to hurry things through here to do something that is unnecessary. I suggest to you that we did our job, the Governor did his, now let's work on from there and reject this and approve...and continue to live with that which we passed and which the Governor signed and is now law. I'm against and hope that you do not support the Vickers amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner. Then Senator Lamb, and then Senator Remmers. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Vickers-Wesely amendment because I believe that LB 505 is a good bill as amended by the Revenue Committee. But let me go back a little bit farther. I would like to tell this body some of the things that Senator Vard Johnson told us as Chairman of the Revenue Committee. He gave us a little sermon. He said, now Revenue Committee members, this committee has a lot of responsibility and one thing we should do, we should provide some property tax relief for the property owners in Nebraska. This is the right thing to do, he told us. He convinced me. So we passed out three bills, three what we felt property tax relief bills. The first one was Senator Lamb's, LB 38, the next one was Senator Johnson's Homestead Exemption. There would be a \$15,000 exemption Homestead Exemption for all property owners. He said this is the right thing to do. So then we came to Senator Remmers' bill, LB 505, so we amended that. I thought that we did a real good job. We provided