

was a general discussion and this happened to be, just happened to be, and truthfully as I answered Senator Beutler's questions, which I don't know any other way to answer but truthfully, that is the score. Thank you, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR V. JOHNSON:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, as we involve ourselves in these weighty legislative responsibilities, I am reminded of one of the first verses of the first psalm which I naturally have not committed to memory, but the psalmist says that he would not be a scorner nor a cynic, and he goes on to talk about the kind of things that he would be, and the one thing that I feel in my mind today is this. In putting in my time in the Nebraska Legislature, as each of you put your time in the Nebraska Legislature, I choose not to be a scorner nor a cynic, but rather to work very diligently and very hard to build a better society for the people and a better state for our citizens and I have been committed for years and years and years to tax reform and to educational reform. But you know the building process in a Legislature is slow and tedious and hard and painful and you know that even when one gets a sound legislative result, the Governor in a stroke of a pen can wipe it away. And so a builder knows in the end that there really is a partnership between a legislature that is a little hesitant about building this or effecting that change and a Governor and sometimes the work that we do has to be slowed down a bit so that all the positive forces can be brought to bear and good results effected. I happen to agree with Senator DeCamp's point. Senator DeCamp says that what we have done with 662 is we have in effect assured ourselves that future legislatures will have to deal responsibly with property tax relief and aid to education and those are two incredibly important issues. But we would not have been at that point, we would not have even been at that point had the Governor vetoed 662. We would not have been there. In other words, the building would have been blown down, a great wind would have gone through and the edifice that we had erected here would have been blown down. Now we brave men and women can be filled with bravado and could have said...and can say, well, we could have found 30 votes to override the veto of 662. That's bravado. That's bravado. 662 was tough sledding every painful step