

would hope that the body would see fit to advance LB 727 to Select File and then from Select File to Final Reading. This, of course, is the \$18.3 million appropriation bill to fund the general homestead exemption. We did make a commitment obviously a year ago to provide a general homestead exemption. Now there is some obligation on our part to pick up the funding. County assessor after county assessor have notified residential homeowner after residential homeowner of the availability of the general homestead exemption. Applications have been received across the face of Nebraska. If we fail to fund the general homestead exemption, that would simply cause a slight property tax shift in local subdivisions as additional mill levies were...as the mill levy was increased on all property so that the first \$3000 in valuation of residential homes could be exempted from tax. It is only right and just for us to fund the homestead exemption. I would hope that we would use 727 as the funding bill for that item. I support 727.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I guess I would have some questions of Senator Warner if he would yield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Warner, I guess obviously some of us had supported the homestead exemption last year, some of us that would like to see the homestead exemption funded this year have but one grave concern and that is the impact on the budget. I didn't quite hear all your remarks in introducing the bill and if you could please, I am trying to look at the back of the schedule and looking at the situation we are at in terms of the budget I don't know that I see this bill down there or the homestead exemption being able to be funded except it must be from the excess revenues expected from the revenue producing bills on Select File. Could you talk a bit about how this bill and the funding works into the budget and how we make room for it?

SENATOR WARNER: If the bill is advanced, why then it will go on the sheet. General File bills other than the main line bills are not on the sheet. If the bill is advanced when we get to E & R Initial, which is the bottom one, it