

January 21, 1986 LB 712

CLERK: LB 712 was a bill introduced by Senator Vard Johnson. (Read.) The bill was read on January 22 of last year, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was considered in March of last year. At that time the committee amendments were rejected. There was an amendment to the bill by Senator Johnson that was adopted. I have no further amendments at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Johnson, would you like to refresh our memory what the bill is about, and then if you'd like to take up your amendments first. Is that the way you'd like to do it?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I think what I intend to do on this bill, Mr. Speaker, is you may remember this, as you may remember early last session this Legislature dealt with some very significant property tax relief measures. The first measure that we dealt with, I think, was LB 35 which was sponsored by Senator Howard Lamb and then Senator John DeCamp. Thirty-eight, LB 38, my memory isn't quite that good. That was a property tax relief measure designed to provide every property taxpayer some rebate of the property taxes paid. As you may remember, that particular bill was killed one fateful day by one of its co-sponsors, Senator John DeCamp. Now the second property tax relief issue that we took up was LB 712 which was a homestead exemption property tax relief bill. As you may remember about two fateful days later that bill failed to advance. Then significantly later in the session we took up the third property tax relief measure, LB 662, which over a very long and arduous and painful fight ultimately prevailed. So it seems to me at this time that the Legislature has spoken in terms of what it wants to do in a major way for property tax relief. For that reason I think that the better part of discretion is to pass over LB 712.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please. Okay. Any opposition? If no one...Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I can ask him privately. When we pass over are we just making a little leap or a big leap until the end of the session and kind of putting this behind us?

SPEAKER NICHOL: This is a pretty big leap.