

of Omaha can earn up to \$42,000, get approximately three months off out of the year and work basically a nine to five job, much more attractive than the perks of a Governor which would be probably a meeting or a dinner every night that they are required to attend and speak to. I also have selfish reasons I think for supporting this bill. I'm very young, I'm attractive, political newcomer. I may wish to run in the future for one of these offices listed in LB 43 and just recently over the weekend my wife informed me that we are expecting our third child. The Governor has a much larger house than I do in District 7. Sue mentioned that possibly I could still get into the race and finish as a dark horse. I told her that there were a lot of drawbacks to getting in the race, specifically the salary. The house would be nice and I wouldn't have to pay the utility bills, but I prefer District 7 at this time, but like they say, never say never. I would urge the body at this time to support LB 43 and I would accept congratulations on the next Hall offspring. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We are voting on the handsomeness of Senator Hall. Senator Smith and then Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Hall, I'd just like to open my comments by congratulating you, but I'd also ask if you're old to know what causes that? I have to add my support to the side of those that would oppose LB 43. I think that this is a very difficult time in the economy in the State of Nebraska. I have received a lot of phone calls and a lot of letters in this last week and particularly on the weekend. In my district we have a Regional Center and Regional Center employees have been calling me and writing me, you know, in large volumes about the fact that there was a proposal that they have been made aware of which would cut their benefits and these people feel that over the years, some of them have worked there for years and years, they have worked for those benefits and for the accrual of those benefits and now they are being asked to have those removed and to accept that. And I can't accept at this point, talking about huge increases for a few people who other people may look at and say, gee whiz, if I had that much money I'd be glad, yet they are asking me to take away my ability for sick leave and those kinds of things that are necessary when you're working on the job. And so for that reason, I must also oppose LB 43. Thank you.