

up till we can find him to see if he wants to take that up today or not. Senator Warner, there is a motion to indefinitely postpone your bill. Would you like to take that up today or later?

SENATOR WARNER: Sure.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Sure what?

SENATOR WARNER: Sure, I'd like to take it up, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Is Senator Vard Johnson the proposer of that motion?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Warner with LB 258 would have the Nebraska Legislature appropriate dollars for all of our expenses on a two year basis. Thus, if this bill became law, in the 1987 legislative session we would spend the end of that 90-day session doing an appropriations bill for the ensuing two years. Now, I put a kill motion on the bill and I put a kill motion on the bill because having been here eight years and having gone through seven special sessions in eight years, I have had to conclude that we have a very difficult time appropriating on an annual basis and if we are required to appropriate by virtue of this statutory change on a biennial basis, that is appropriate two years at a crack, we'll have an even more difficult time. It seems to me that the value of the annual appropriation today is that it gives each one of us here a very concrete opportunity once a year to very carefully examine our spending and our budgets and to arrive at personal decisions and sometimes collective decisions as what should be done in the ensuing year. If, however, I have to double that work and in effect examine not just one year's budget, but two years budgets and spending decisions, I think my problems as a senator, frankly, are compounded. And I do not think that the avoidance of the thorough annual review through a biennial bill represents the best of policies. Now I understand that Senator Warner has worked under the older policy because Senator Warner is one of the few members in this body who was here at the time when the Legislature met only once every two years and of course in meeting only once every two years it was then necessary to adopt budget bills that went for a two-year time period. However, you and I