

SENATOR HALL: I am ready to plunge.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item up this morning is LB 667. The bill has been considered by the Legislature before. E & R amendments have been adopted. There were amendments offered by Senator Beutler, Senator Higgins, and others to the bill that have been adopted. The bill was considered this year on January 22. At that time it failed to advance, Mr. President. I have no amendments pending at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, do you wish to make a comment and your normal motion? I say, the floor is yours if you wish to speak on your assumed motion to advance?

SENATOR HIGGINS: How many senators are present right now?

PRESIDENT: Well, we had 27 a while ago when we took the roll, 28.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I will just do my opening and out of the 27 senators that are here, if any of them have any questions, they can.

PRESIDENT: Undoubtedly, you will persuade every one of them.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I really don't think I will probably persuade any of them. But when I make a promise to my constituents, I keep it.

PRESIDENT: Very well, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, those of you who are listening to me and those of you who are...already made up your mind how you are going to vote on this and not listening, and those of you who are leaving the Chamber, it has been a couple of weeks since we debated LB 667 which, you will recall, is a simple bill that merely says real estate agents would be required to hand out a piece of paper to all of their proposed clients, buyers or sellers. The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee did a study this summer and in their study they discovered that over half the real estate agents in Lincoln, 54 percent of them had no objections to handing out this simple piece of information so people could intelligently buy or sell. I