

February 21, 1986 LB 322, 563

PRESIDENT: 563 advances. LB 322.

CLERK: 322 was a bill introduced by Senator Eret. (Read title.) It was read in January of last year, referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Chairman Johnson of the committee.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to make this very clear, LB 322 is no longer the bill that provides for deferred pricing contracts or prohibits those contracts. It has now been gutted by the committee. It is a vehicle that is carrying another bill's contents which adopts the Commercial Feed Act that was brought to the Legislature or to the Ag Committee a year ago. We inadvertently indefinitely postponed that bill last year not recognizing that it had that much importance to the Department of Agriculture. They have indicated that it is important to them, that 30 other states in the United States have adopted this Commercial Feed Act, that in order to facilitate interstate grain contracts or feed contracts that it would be helpful to the department to have this bill pass with the Commercial Feed Act in it. Rather than going through another public hearing and introducing a new bill, I made the motion and the committee adopted the amendment that basically took the contents of LB 458 of last year and put them into 322. The one-liner is somewhat misleading to the public and possibly to you and I would just like to clear up that discrepancy and just tell you that the bill now really just adopts the Commercial Feed Act which was agreed upon by the Livestock Feeders, the Feed and Grain Association, the Department of Agriculture and a number of other farm organizations. And, as I said, it was probably an error on my part more than anyone else's because I was the sponsor of LB 458 of last year and not recognizing that it was that important of an issue we have since tried to correct that error by taking this language and putting in in LB 322. I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Landis, your light is on. All those in favor of the amendments vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the adoption of the committee amendments? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.