

years because I think it is a priority to a number of people, not just in this Legislature but outside of it. It is my hope that you'll advance the bill today. As Senator Schmit and Sieck have already indicated, we will attempt to do our very best to work with Senator Hannibal and the construction industry in trying to find a way that will suit them with this bill. As he said we've made no promises. I am somewhat reluctant to take people out of the bill, but I think that we all recognize that the construction industry is concerned about the impact it will have upon them. And we, as I promised Senator Hannibal before the debate, I would certainly give him my word to work out whatever compromise would be appropriate and I will reiterate that here on the floor. I would move for the advancement of LB...or the committee amendments which become the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: I'll talk on the bill afterwards.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Did you...you didn't wish to close, did you, Senator Rod Johnson? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, just a few more words of wisdom on this particular issue. We've got 12 inches of topsoil across the State of Nebraska. In many areas of the state it is almost all gone. In other areas there is a considerable amount. I can talk about an experience of my own. We broke up newly grassland. And I can assure you after 25 years there is very little of that topsoil gone because it was protected. But my grandfather, when he first came here, he didn't know any different. He farmed up and down the hills and we got those heavy rains and much of that topsoil is gone. There is a world of difference in farming the two different types of soil. It costs considerable more money to farm the hard clay soil than it does that good black soil. That is why this is