

before us right now, we have LB 835 and let's deal with LB 835 and make it be the best bill we can make it be. That is why I offer this amendment. It is a measure to provide protection to the public. It puts some authority back in the Public Service Commission. That is why I am doing this. If you want to make provisions for Public Service control, if you are really concerned about the things that we are talking about here, then I simply ask that you vote for this measure. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Smith amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Smith amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. May I introduce another guest, a special guest today. They are guests of Dennis Baack, Senator Dennis Baack, and Senator Dan Lynch. Under the north balcony we have Dale and Jean Kastens of Lodgepole, Nebraska, Garden County, and Dale is the President of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Would you folks please stand? Thank you for visiting us today and good luck in running the counties. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, we are ready for the motion to advance the bill. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I don't want to be caught in the position of not speaking prior to a motion to advance the bill. I want to just probably say a few more words and then I will probably not have any more to say today. I think that you have to recognize that probably within a very short period of time we are going to be hearing from Governor Kerrey on the budget bills. I would predict that there will be substantial, tens of millions of dollars that will be cut out of that budget, and I think...and when that happens we are going to be coming back to this floor and there will be all kinds of lamentations about the need for additional funds, how will we raise the money. And we have looked under every rock we can find to find a few bucks. But you have a fiscal note on this bill which modestly, modestly, between now and the end of the next fiscal year is a