

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Item# 4, messages, reports and announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have neither messages, nor reports, nor announcements.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Proceed to Select File, LB 6E.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 6E, I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will be at ease for five minutes or so until the presentation in the Rotunda is finished. Meeting in the Rotunda, please come back to the Chamber so that we may resume deliberation. The item on the agenda at the present time is LB 6E.

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PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, are you available? There is an amendment on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no E & R amendments to LB 6. Senator Abboud would move to amend the bill. (Read Abboud amendment as found on page 113 of the Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Abboud.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud. Just before we get started, Senator, let me announce again to members who are outside the Chamber that we are now resuming our deliberations in case you wish to come into the Chamber to hear the argument on an amendment offered by Senator Abboud to LB 6E. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I offer an amendment to LB 6. The amendment itself essentially does away with the bill. It reincludes the homestead exemption for homeowners throughout the State of Nebraska. I'm offering this amendment because I don't think that this body should rush right in and do away with the homestead exemption. I think the idea of the homestead exemption is something that we should be striving for. I think it is something that this Legislature should have adopted a long time ago. Instead of putting 10 percent of our budget into