

year or the year before and because of the small quorum present when it was heard it failed to pass. But the one on the refund on water pollution control refund act was passed. Now some of the power companies do or power districts do spend considerable money for control equipment. For instance, Nebraska Public Power District has committed over \$23,000,000 so far for air pollution control equipment at their various power plants. And so this indicates...this would indicate that there is a lot of this going into this particular area. I believe this is a good bill and I move that LB640 should be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Just want to ask Senator Hasebroock a question. Did I understand you correctly on this pollution equipment, you're going to give a refund on their power rates.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Well, if they don't have to pay a sales tax on the pollution equipment. They would probably be a refund on the power rates.

SENATOR SYAS: In other words, the industry gets a refund on this, but the person that has just his own operations, say his own household gets no reduction.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Well, I don't think the bill can be retroactive, Senator, but I do believe that this went into effect...if they have to pay it, the rates might be raised on account of it. The point I'm trying...

SENATOR SYAS: To the home owner the rates could be raised on account of it.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Yes, if it doesn't go into effect there could be...they may be lowered, or not lowered, but it would be the same.

SENATOR SYAS: In other words, it's a little bit of shifting the tax load from those that put on this equipment to the fellow that has nothing to gain. He'll eat up some of the... get an increase in rates because he is alleviating taxes on the other fellow.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: That's right, and also that's correct.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Question of George Syas if he will yield please. Did that satisfy you George. I mean there is no sweat with this bill.

SENATOR SYAS: I didn't hear you.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Did that answer satisfy you?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I got a correct answer which I thought that Senator Hasebroock gave me and honest answer, yes. I expected that answer and because we had this bill before that doesn't mean I'm for what's in the bill, but he did give me an honest answer.