

PRESIDENT: Bill fails to pass. LB780 fails on Final Reading. This brings up for Final Reading LB782.

CLERK: Read LB782.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I have never been aware of TV cameras all the time I have been here but I certainly hope that during this interim this morning that they are focused on anyone who has to speak on this issue. I am referring to an editorial in the Omaha World Herald and I have just circulated it to all of you and I sincerely consider it the most vicious distortion of facts and lack of whole truth as I have read in the last few days. When you do read these things occasionally in the newspapers, and I refer to an editorial about the food-sales tax credit bill that was passed on Final Reading here last week. This bill...the implication in the editorial is that a bill was passed to take care of the proposed increase in sales tax due to the passing of LB772 our state aid to education bill. Obviously this is untrue and Senator Maresh of the 32nd District introduced this bill on the second day of our session this year in January and it had no relationship to 772 or any other state aid bill. He proposed raising the food sales tax credit to \$12. The Committee then amended it to \$13. Thinking that this would more more nearly reflect inflationary factors that people have to put up with in buying food. The World Herald mentions here this morning that under the new sales tax of 3½% that this is simply an out right lie. We do not have a sales tax of 3½% during this year when we are going to have an increase of food sales tax credit. They talk about what the sales tax will be if and when LB772 becomes law. The mention the additional sales tax that Omaha and Lincoln will be paying which is simply a matter of their own choosing. I would like to suggest at this time and I haven't heard on any comment on this as we are discussing food sales tax credit but Omaha and Lincoln have not come forward and offered to give food sales tax credit for the 1% that they collect. We have an issue of the state rebidding and I think that it is entirely just and that we should do it. Maybe there should be also some talk on the extra 1¢ as long as there is so much talk about those opponents of LB772. I just urge all of you to read this editorial and make your own conclusions and I hope that we would have some more comments at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Like Senator Dickinson I can not help but ask, not accuse, but ask, if the editorial is deliberate misrepresentation and possibly indictative of what we will see to come in the future. The other day the debate on 632 Senator Syas suggested that the proponents of equitable taxation for schools were attempting to have an allowance for the food credit to use to defeat any referendum on state aid. I responded to Senator Syas to the exact opposite. It would obviously be the intent of the World Herald editorial today indicates that very clearly. This is that they are accusing those who are proponents of more equitable taxation and not allowing for the increase in the food credit should the sales tax be changed. Everybody here knows full well that primarily those who oppose the increase take effect in January of 1975, by the same people who are proponents of or opponents