

PRESIDENT: Request is granted.

CLERK: LB 498, 499, 81A. Mr. President. Read Reference committee report on page 450 in the Journal. Mr. President, Senator Clark moves to withdraw LB 151. That's all Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Now we can go to General File.

CLERK: Mr. President LB 220 has been pending. This is a bill dealing with the adoption of the Nebraska Litter Control Act. Mr. President the committee amendments have been adopted. Some other amendments offered by Senator Schmit and Senator Burrows have been adopted. The next amendment is offered by Senator Fowler. Read amendment. Signed Senator Fowler.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This amendment is to add some additional products to this tax and if we turn to LB 220, there's a page that lists several products that are to be taxed. But some seem to be left out and this amendment simply would add some of the products back in. If you recall Senator Schmit's opening remarks on LB 220, he mentioned about problems on the roadsides, said we have automobiles, old refrigerators, and bedsprings. Unfortunately, this bill does not put a tax on those items that do clutter the county roads. So, I drafted an amendment to cover some of the things that Senator Schmit cited in his opening remarks. Therefore, I would urge this body to adopt this amendment. The four items are alcoholic beverages and wine. Now this bill does tax, I think it's important to know, it puts a tax on beer, it puts a tax on pop, but it does not tax wine and alcoholic beverages. I think that's very unfair for people who drink beer and drink pop. Then there are these other three products, automobiles and auto parts, furniture, and appliances, and tires. All items that we find along the roadside; all major items of litter. I do not think they should be excluded from this bill. So I urge this body to adopt that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have no objection if Senator Fowler wants to improve the bill or strengthen the bill in this manner, if he will support the bill later on. I would like to ask him a question if he will yield, please. Senator Fowler, would you be willing to follow another approach so that you can take those issues one at a time. If we add them now, let them go down to defeat. Would you want to do that or do you just want to...

SENATOR FOWLER: You mean divide the question? I would be willing to...

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to take them in that manner if we can divide the question. If there are enough members in this body who want to add those items you suggested, I'm willing to have them on there. But I would prefer to go that way. Then I would support...

SENATOR FOWLER: You yourself support adding all four items?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no objections.