

in front of this Legislature, and the other bills that are in front of this body. I think too that, sure this bill has gotten ridiculous in the amendments and I'd be the first to agree to that. The bill now is almost to the point where I think we're really down to where we're cutting the issue as to exactly what we're talking about. I don't think business generally, and using the word business and all types of business in this state are in favor of this concept. I don't think business wants this additional tax. In fact, I don't think the people of the State of Nebraska want this additional tax. For that reason I strongly urge the kill of this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Boughn. Excuse me, Senator Boughn. Senator DeCamp has asked for the previous question. Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 22 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Boughn.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Mr. President, members of the body. I feel it would be bad and with intent to ridicule and shame to kill this litter bill in its first attempt that has been offered to the State of Nebraska. At least we'll have it on the books. If it needs altering or changing in the next few years we can. I am in favor of LB 220, that it not be killed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I am not questioning Senator Schmit's purpose in introducing this bill. I believe that the industry primarily responsible for some of the things that are litter have done a number of things voluntarily. It is a task that is probably impossible to accomplish. I would like to bring up a few of the problems in the bill. I think it is a burdensome bill. First of all I think in Section 23, which you'll find on page 5, it provides for a penalty on Nebraska industry. This kind of litter can be produced across the state line in Iowa and sold in Nebraska. What we have, as I understand it, is an unfair competition which we're injecting in the process. I have looked very carefully at the people who testified in favor of the bill. Senator Dworak has already characterized those that have testified. I would point out those that did not testify. We found no conservation groups. We found no consumer groups, and interestingly enough we found no farm groups. Despite the fact that I think now every major farm organization in the state has taken a position against litter and rather specifically for a reusable bottle bill. But this bill does not solve the litter problem on the county roads across the state. There is no provisions for putting receptacles on anything but state highways when it comes to the road system, as I read it. It is impossible to put enough receptacles around the state to solve the problem through this method. I would like to also point out, when we're speaking about receptacles, Section 19, page 6. This provides for a uniform design of litter receptacles, a uniform side. Look what it imposes then upon the businesses. Every gasoline station, shopping center, tavern, etc., etc. not must have a receptacle, but must have a uniform receptacle. No trash