

to eventually exempt alternative solar systems from property tax. But you know as well as I do that this is a couple of years down the road. By the time the people vote on it, I'm sure they would vote favorably. By the time we enact legislation to do this, there will be two years have gone by. What I'm offering to you right now is immediate relief and encouragement to people to seriously consider the use of alternate solar systems agriculturally, residentially, commercially, and industrially. It may not be a great sum of money that we're talking about but at least it is some incentive to get them to look seriously at the feasibility and the possibility of using this as a supplement to their present systems. Their fiscal impact to us is unknown. Our record on this is unknown. If the property tax exemption were to pass, we can come back and repeal a sales tax exemption. All I'm saying is right now, let's say the people of this state, we encourage you to look seriously at the use of alternate solar systems. We're going to offer you some tax inducement to do this. The reduction of maybe a couple three hundred dollars depending upon how extensive it may be. I can't for the life of me see how it's going to affect the fund, the general fund of this state when at present we are receiving no sales tax to any degree that I know of that would affect our income. As Senator Cope mentioned a moment ago, if you were to use this system, you know as well as I do that is an improvement to your property. No doubt there would be an increase in the evaluation as such. So as a result, it's not going to narrow the property tax as Senator Dworak was saying a moment ago. In fact, it probably will enlarge the property tax in terms of evaluations. So what I'm saying here is that this will bring immediate relief. To what extent it will be used, I have no idea and neither does anyone on this floor. At least we're saying to the citizens of the state of Nebraska, let's look seriously at alternate solar systems as a means of supplementing the way we work in our environment. We all know there is an energy crisis. This is one way we can help to recognize the fact and encourage people to look seriously at alternate solar systems. That's all I'm asking for. I'll leave it up to your good judgement in terms of this amendment if we return 30 to Select File for that purpose. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We are on Final Reading. All senators please be at your desks. The question is shall this bill, LB 30, be returned for the specific amendment. Record your vote.

SENATOR MARVEL: Could we have the amendment read again please?

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return. Read the amendment please Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The amendment is found on page 1138 of the Journal on the new matter. It's a 9 page amendment. The only portion of the amendment that is new is as follows. Read amendment. (Refer to page 1478 and specific amendment on page 1138).

PRESIDENT: Senators are to be at their desks. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Koch, do you want recognition?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, who is excused?

CLERK: Two.