

May 13, 1977

LR 108
LB 549, 52A, 202,
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PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, in the spirit of cooperation I wanted to bring this issue before the body so that we could understand what we are doing, so we could understand the high priorities we have for capital construction. I want to review the program one more time so that we all understand what we're voting on. I think Senator Nichol made some very decisive points. First point, it's not to test every farmer's tractor. All tractors are not tested. They test one or two models. Certainly, those that have owned automobiles understand that every '63 Ford is not the same in terms of performance to horsepower rating. The '74 Vega that I rode in this morning with you, Senator Simon, certainly yours is the most unusual I've ever been in. The issue is this, I think this is a prestigious thing for the State of Nebraska. I think it is excellent that we've been designated with this area of expertise. I think it is wonderful that the companies are paying for the operation costs. I think it would be more wonderful if they'd pay for the capital outlay too. I think this is a misappropriation in terms of priorities, in terms of the financial condition of the state this year. We've turned down many worthwhile projects. When we go back home and tell the people what our real priority was to test tractors, for companies both outside the state and outside the country, at the expense of the taxpayer that may be a little bit too big of a horse to swallow. I'd ask that you adopt my amendment. I'm not very optimistic.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 17 nays. Mr. President, I have some material to read in.

PRESIDENT: That motion failed.

CLERK: We have a new bill, LB 52A. Read title to LB 52A. LR 103 will be read and laid over. There is an opinion addressed to Senator Koch, one addressed to Senator Maxey. Mr. President, Senator Simon asks unanimous consent to amend LB 202 until January 10, 1978.

PRESIDENT: We have some visitors from Liberty, Nebraska in the South balcony, a group of students there. That is in Senator Burrows district. Thank you for being here. That is in Gage County.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon asks for unanimous consent to bracket LB 202 till 1978. Is there an objection?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stoney then asks unanimous consent....(print amendment to LB 550).

PRESIDENT: There is no objection to that. You people from Liberty, Nebraska, I'd like to make an apology. Senator Merz wants to claim you rather than Senator Burrows. He's very upset about it. I apologize to Senator Merz and to you folks. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I'd like to ask where 202 is at the present time.

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