

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Lewis, would you close on your motion.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I hardly know what to say in face of all the opposition here. If it's optional then I guess there is no need in pursuing it any farther. But I don't plan to withdraw the motion. I would move adoption of this amendment.

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

CLERK: 9 ayes, 15 nays on Senator Richard Lewis' amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is defeated. Senator Warner, would you move the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 333 be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We go now to 302.

CLERK: Read title to LB 302. The bill was read on January 12, 1973. It was referred to the Education Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move the advancement of LB 302 to E & R initial. The intent of LB 302 is to provide a floor for the oil and gas leases, while providing flexibility for the Board of Educational lands and funds to allow increases commensurate with economic conditions. This fee has been 50 cents. Federal lands have more than doubled this amount. The Nebraska schools are being shortchanged by this shortsided law. We've said it can be no higher, nor any lower. This will simply put a floor under it, and allow it to go with economic conditions. I move for its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's with a great deal of pleasure that I rise to support the meritorious bill of Senator Marsh. This is long overdue. I hope that you'll all vote for advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Shirley Marsh, you want to respond? The question is shall this bill be advanced. Record your vote. We're under Call, Senator Barnett. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Senator Brennan.