

CLERK: Mr. President, with regards to LB 816 the E & R amendments were adopted by the Legislature on last Thursday. I now have a series of amendments pending, Mr. President. The first is offered by Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have an amendment there. What I would like to do is substitute the one that I have there for the one I'm handing out so that we have one shot. In other words, the one I've got there I just substitute the one I am handing out. It is a different amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Are they passing it out now, Senator DeCamp? Is there any objections? If not, so ordered. Senator DeCamp, you can start explaining the amendment. They are passing it out now.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Take Senator Clark one up there in case you haven't.

SENATOR CLARK: You go ahead, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, really I would kind of beg that you listen because this is kind of an important amendment one way or the other and I full well realize that as it looks now there probably might be a vote or two or three or four short of adopting it and I think we will all be the worse for it. I'll start out by telling you a little story that you are all familiar with. Mr. Ghotbzadeh, the famous Iranian foreign affairs representative during the famous hostage crisis, used to get on television back when we were debating the personal property tax last time and he used to rant and rail against the Americans and give us the blazes, so on and so forth, and about the time he was doing that I mentioned on the floor that in that debate, that Mr. Ghotbzadeh should treat people a little nicer when he was at the top because there might be sometime when he wasn't at the top and they would remember it. Well if you read the paper the last couple of days you see the gentleman has now been arrested and they are talking about hanging him in the morning almost because somebody else is now in control. Last year and the years before when I dealt with personal property I had one plea I made regularly to the body to both sides and I said to my rural comrades, treat the cities fair because, fellows, one day there will be a day of reckoning. One day they are going to outnumber us and one day if we don't treat them fair it will come back to haunt us. And so over the years I sponsored legislation such as the Omaha sales tax, such as the famous sewage bill