

April 7, 1986

LB 804, 804A, 899

SENATOR CARSTEN: LB 804 passes. LB 804A, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 804A on Final Reading.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 804A pass? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2056-57 of the Legislative Journal.) 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: LB 804A with the emergency clause passes. LB 899E, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on 899. Senator Rod Johnson would move to return 899 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Rod Johnson amendment appears on pages 2057-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, the amendment that I am about to offer is the same amendment that I offered on Select File to LB 899, the bill affecting the seeds companies. I want to make sure that you understand what I am attempting to do because I'm going to be talking about two fee structures, one for the inspection fee and the other for a registration fee. Under the bill as it is written right now the inspection fee is \$7.00 per \$100,000 gross annual volume sales of seed. This amendment that I'm offering will lower that. I want to repeat that, will lower the fee to \$1.50 per 100,000 or \$10,000 gross. Secondly, it also amends the registration fee by using a...what I would call a sliding scale fee whereas it right now there is a \$15.00 registration fee for all seeds companies in the State of Nebraska, large or small. The way that this particular amendment is drafted we would use a sliding scale with a low of \$30.00, the inspection fee, the lowest it would be under this amendment would be \$30.00 for less than 100,000 gross sales to a high of 4,000 for 10 million or more gross sales depending upon, of course, the size of the company. And I know that there are some people who are not very pleased with the bill, especially Senator Nichol who represents a company, a dry edible bean company that has been in contact with him and probably some others in this floor opposing the bill, and that's fine. But I