

ongoing problem of the threat and risk of losing additional federal cuts. Being at the 7 cent limit and having a sunset is a terrible burden for the Metropolitan Transit Authority to have to consider. In light of potential additional federal cuts, MAT people of Omaha do not intend to come back to the state for help. The use of property tax money is a legitimate use since, in fact, there is what is called a Captive Rider Group. These are people that don't have cars, generally low income folks, who all of us try to help and encourage to continue to work. This is vital and important for them to have access to this kind of public transit system. This simply says that the sunset of December 31, 1988 shall not go into effect. I would appreciate your support for this very important piece of legislation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Is there discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of advancing 471 to E & R Initial vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. LB 284, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 284 was a bill introduced by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Revenue Chairman Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to have your attention if I could. This is a big bill. This is a bill that you do not want to vote on until you know exactly what it is. This is the hold-harmless income tax bill. Now, as you may know, or may recall, the hold-harmless income tax bill is the bill designed to provide for an upward rate adjustment to compensate for the tax losses that this state is going to sustain on the income tax side as a result of the change in the federal income tax law. That is what this bill does. The Revenue Committee heard this bill. After it heard this bill, it visited with Governor Orr. She said, I very much want a hold-harmless tax notion but I don't want it done in the