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LB 270, 288, 775, 780  
LR 110

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. New resolution by Senators Barrett and Labeledz asking the Legislature to express its thanks and appreciation to the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators for the gift of the podium which was received last week. (See pages 2042-43 of the Legislative Journal regarding LR 110.)

That will be laid over. I have amendments to 270 from Senators Landis and Chizek. Senator Vard Johnson has amendments to 775, Senator Hartnett to 780, Senators Landis and Ashford to 775, and Senator Wesely to 775. (See pages 2043-46 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, 288, the next bill for consideration. The bill was introduced by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, are you going to talk about the amendments, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first could I have a gavel, could I have a big pound and...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I think, colleagues, that you are about to go through a very protracted exercise. And, as you go through this protracted exercise, I would like for you to understand the terms and the rules, et cetera, because we are going to deal with a hot issue that affects thousands of people in your districts, and it affects them so dramatically that if you miss one word of this dialogue and vote incorrectly, your future will be short. Senator Chambers, if you miss one word of this dialogue and vote incorrectly, even your future will be short.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Oh, I forgot what that one was. We have a homestead program, a homestead exemption, which is an exemption from property taxes for people who fit the categories, that continues to cost the state money. Now you have on your desk a little chart which Deb Thomas, Committee Counsel, dredged up from her files, which shows you the growth that exists in the homestead program right now. We think that the homestead