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LB 1165

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Bernard-Stevens brought to the Revenue Committee LB 1165 which is designed to permit our Tax Commissioner to certify counties' railroad values that are not contested under the federal injunction brought about because of the 4-R suit. This bill, if passed, will permit the political subdivisions to increase their tax levies to compensate for their inability to collect taxes on personal property. Now the Revenue Committee heard the bill. The Revenue Committee unanimously voted this bill to the floor of the Legislature, though I was absent and so was Senator Haberman, but we also put a few amendments on it which are totally and absolutely technical. They are so technical that I can't even explain them. But you can read your note that my staff has prepared and you can read the amendment and you can ask yourself whether or not they are worthy of your vote. I know I'm going to vote for them even though I can't understand them, and I would ask you to do the same.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: There's a lot of wandering on the floor...

PRESIDENT: Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. We have no other amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir.

PRESIDENT: All right, we're back on the bill. Senator Vard, would you talk to us about...excuse me, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Sorry, I switched ownership there.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. President and members of the body, I don't want to get confused on 1165 as confusing this with the railroad issue as far as solving a potential problem we are going to have on the lawsuit. This will not do that. This will not solve the problem. That is going to be dealt with in 1091