

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Roll call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any messages, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: One item, Mr. President. Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor bill read on Final Reading this morning. (Re: LB 240, LB 254, LB 254A, LB 648, LB 782, LB 789. See page 1639 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now continue with LB 409.

CLERK: Mr. President, 409 was being discussed this morning. At that time. Senator Withem offered an amendment to the bill, AM1058. That amendment is pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment I have pending is one which will simply strike the Schmit amendment that was offered on General File. If you recall, the Schmit amendment was one which would have forbade, I guess is past tense of forbid, the Fire Marshal's Office from having any type of certification or licensure requirement for people involved in the business of installing or removing these underground storage tanks. Senator Schmit's reason for offering this amendment was a legitimate concern about some people who were doing only a portion of that work, namely, backhoe operators is who he was referring to, he felt were being forced to become licensed and he didn't think that that was appropriate. My concern in offering this amendment is that it is a big concern of mine that the contractor that has the responsibility for the license, for the installation, and the removal, ought to demonstrate a confidence because this is a fairly tricky maneuver of installing and removing these underground storage tanks. Listening to Senator Schmit this morning, I came to the conclusion I think there is some amicable