

April 12, 1994 LB 885A, 885

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say ay-. All those opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on 885, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Madam President, I move LB 885 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to take this opportunity to discuss LB 885 very briefly. I understand there are many other bills today. This should not take long. LB 885 is, in effect, the tax court or the tax commission that deals with valuation equalization on a statewide basis. This is a particularly difficult issue. This is the bill that, if the constitution is changed, would implement that language. This is a model and framework for those people who want, during the course of the summer and through this fall, when I hope the constitutional amendment is on the ballot, will look and say this is sort of the model that they're looking at. I would tell you that this is the designing point where I begin next year to do that. This bill could pass without the constitutional amendment. There are some items that would be operative, there would be things that we could do, however, I think better policy is the Legislature needs a period of time to work through this commission. I don't think it's fair for the body when we've had limited time, and I'm not saying it isn't fair for the limited time because the limited time is correct. It's just that this is a big issue that I don't think in fairness to you we should try to run through quickly to do it. It is fair though for the State of Nebraska to look at LB 885 and say this...when we vote on this in the fall this is what we're looking at and this is how we'll do it. With that, Madam President, I would ask that we pass over LB 885. I don't know if the Speaker has an objection to doing that, or the procedure how to do that. I would just ask unanimous consent at this point in time to pass over LB 885, don't take it to a vote.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Any objection? So ordered. We move now to LB 885A.