

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Newell, you are next but just before that there will be an executive board under the North balcony at eleven o'clock.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. Chairman, it is seldom that I rise to support an exemption bill. In this case we have a responsibility, one that is mandated upon us by the voters to do something in this regard and Senator Johnson has provided us a vehicle to do that. This vehicle I think is a reasonable attempt to provide some incentives, as meager as they may be, without a great deal of loss to the tax base. So I rise to support this exemption even though that is kind of contrary to my general philosophy and I would argue very simply for those who are concerned about the tax base that this bill almost fits Senator Schmit's criteria, it doesn't do anything, it doesn't hurt anybody, it doesn't cost very much, so with that I would urge you to adopt, to accept LB 151 and advance it to Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Unicameral, may I ask Senator Johnson a couple of questions, please?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I heard you say that the fiscal impact flew away...in other words it is not going to cost Lancaster County \$110,000 plus a new employee any more?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, it is not, Senator Haberman. When we wrote this bill initially we provided that if you insulated your house you could get an exemption and we did that because that was a provision in the sales tax bill. We suddenly realized the error of our ways and we stripped that out. So it is a cheap bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Also, Douglas County, it is not going to cost them \$60,000?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, it is not for the same reason, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker, members, I wonder if Senator Johnson would yield to a question, please. Senator Johnson,