

Agriculture and Environment Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. Senator Hefner has an amendment to the bill. Senator Hefner's amendment is found on page 993 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, first I would like to explain the bill to you and then I will get into the amendment, if that is okay with the Speaker. This bill, LB 678, is a housekeeping bill to clean up one of the statutes regarding bulk sales of commodities within the state. During my research I found that the original purpose of this statute that was on the book was to safeguard the consumer from coal dealers when coal was a predominant heat in our state. The statute required that each sale in excess of \$20 must be accompanied by a delivery ticket stating the grade, the cost per unit, total weight measured or purchased and from whom it was purchased. However, gasoline has now reached a point where it is not too uncommon to exceed the \$20 limit when filling one's auto with gasoline. Furthermore, state law requires gasoline pumps to post the price and to have a totalizer showing total amounts and the total price purchased. These functions are inspected regularly by the state assuring uniform quality. The present statute places an unnecessary burden on the gasoline dealer while also causing a delay in the transaction for the consumer while a ticket is being completed. And so today we have many service stations breaking this law and this is because they do not give a ticket to each purchaser. The purpose of this bill is to exempt the sale of gasoline from this law as it would serve no purpose in today's marketing practices. Now I would like to talk to you about the amendment and this amendment is on page 993 in the Journal. One of the Senators in this body approached me and says he didn't feel like we should exempt gasoline or exempt issuing the sales ticket entirely when a customer purchased gasoline, and so what this amendment would do, it would exempt sales of motor fuels if less than \$100 and, of course, we'd still leave in the bill other bulk sales of \$20, a sales slip would still have to be issued at this time, and so therefore I would urge adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to be recognized? This is going to be the last bill that we take up this morning. We will recess for an hour and a half and then go for about that length of time and then we will adjourn. Senator Vickers, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, members, I