

April 7, 1982

LB 903

SENATOR SIECK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, first of all I would like to congratulate the Revenue Committee for bringing this bill forward. I think it is long overdue. The first year I was in the Legislature I had farmers coming up to me asking me to do something about this. It was almost impossible for them to pay the tax, and I thought this was ridiculous. Impossible to pay the tax because of the regulations that were required to do this, they had to go through too much red tape. When red tape makes our people abuse some of the finances that are coming into the State of Nebraska, it is wrong, and I know that it can be cleared up. This bill is going to start curing that position. I know that there are a lot of people abusing it but they are not abusing it because they want to, because they don't know how to do it. They go by their tank. It has diesel fuel in it. They have a diesel car today which as you all know many of our people have these automobiles. They fill their tank up and don't think anything of it, but if they have to register their car as a diesel automobile and get the sticker, they will begin to realize that they are...and should pay to the State of Nebraska for the use of their roads. I really believe that the State of Nebraska is going to lose over \$2 million if we don't correct this situation because as it goes along one man says, well, here I took advantage of it and tells his neighbor, he says, well, if he is taking advantage of it, I just as well, too. That's we have to correct. I have a son that drives a diesel automobile. He deliberately drives to the station because he doesn't want to cheat, but we have many, many other people that don't do this. I am sure, Johnny said he goes deliberately to the farm tank. Well, I am sure that there are a lot of them...his neighbor, we'll correct it, Johnny. But this is a good bill and I would like to have you support it. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I think everything has been said. We haven't had anyone talk against the bill. I think our city, the people that live in the urban areas it is not going to affect you. If you have a diesel car or know someone that does and they buy their fuel at the station and pay the tax on it, there is no problem at all. And those of us out in the rural areas can see this happening. It is not just farmers either, it is the construction site people and, of course, there is a lot of fuel used as was mentioned for heating that there can be skullduggery going on. We have the thing pretty well worked out. We worked with the Revenue Committee. We wanted