

Women. I just want you to know that it was there in honor of Ag Day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Beyer. We'll move on to the motion to place LB 432 on General File notwithstanding the committee action. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move that LB 432 be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Wesely offered his motion on March 14. It may be found on page 1148 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Let's hold our conversation down, please, so we can hear the speaker. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I hope to go through in fairly rapid fashion the background on this issue, and, hopefully, we won't take very much time on this issue. I do want to raise for your consideration the issue presented to you in LB 432. LB 432 comes after previous legislation has attempted to address the question of accountability with the passage of LB 775. As you all know, LB 775 was passed in 1987. At the time of its passage, we were able to get, as part of that piece of legislation, through work of Senator McFarland, Senator Vard Johnson and myself, an amendment that required some disclosure, on an annual basis, by the Revenue Department as to how much that bill would cost. We have seen a couple of reports since that time. And you just, last week, received a copy of the latest from the Revenue Department. But the extent...that was the extent of our ability to pass that legislation, that concept in 1987, and it was inadequate, in my view. So I came back last year, in 1988, and introduced a piece of legislation to again require disclosure to a greater degree of the cost of LB 775 and its benefits and to better analyze its impact on the State of Nebraska. That bill was killed and came two votes short of being brought out of committee. At that time, Senator Vard Johnson and I sat down and decided it's time we resolve that issue. So we sat down, last session, and came up with a compromise that was able to, I think, meet the concerns of the industry of this state that wanted to have some protection and confidentiality versus the public's right to know the cost of that piece of legislation. So, we did draft an amendment, Senator Vard Johnson and myself, and offered it again late in the session. We fell two votes