

April 5, 1989

LB 161, 653, 653A

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 653.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 653 is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 653A, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Hall. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The A bill is in the amount of \$14,570 for '89-90, and \$20,400 for '90-91 periods. They are for the actual and necessary expenses of the commission as we would provide for state employees. I would urge the advancement of the A bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall LB 653A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 653A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. To LB 161, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 161 is a bill offered by Senator Johnson and others. I do have a priority motion, Mr. President. Senator Johnson would ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 161 until January 1st of 1990.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, for those of you that are paying attention, this bill is the bill known as the FIFRA program. The FIFRA program is the Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act, which is the act that regulates the application of chemicals, farm chemicals in this state. Currently the federal government is involved in running the program. We are the only state currently that is not involved in having some state role in this program. The federal government has been financing it and has their personnel running the program in Nebraska. This bill would allow the Department of Agriculture to become the lead agency in developing a state program that would be run by state personnel. During the summer and fall I met with many of you and had information meetings