

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of Senator Coordsen's amendment to LB 762. And he has clearly stated the brief history that the amendment had as a bill before the Revenue Committee and also I think, very honestly, pointed out that it is a...would be a minor change but one that I think is very justly due. The Revenue Committee this year did not advance any homestead exemption provisions or increases in the scope of the homestead exemption with regard to eligibility. This is the one provision that I think should probably be addressed and through his amendment we will take care of those individuals. If I remember correctly, the fiscal impact on this is about \$14,000. There are very few people that it applies to and there is very little reason to believe that there will be an increased cost incurred down the line to any extent, minor at best, in this area. With that...I think what it does is basically just allows for a very straightforward approach to it. Whether someone is killed in active duty or inactive, I think makes very little difference. They're no longer around to provide for their family. And I think that it's a very just amendment to the homestead exemption provision. So I would urge adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment to the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Coordsen, did you wish to close? The question is the adoption of the Coordsen amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to so we may move on. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Coordsen amendment is adopted. May I introduce some guests, please. In the north balcony, Senator Barrett has 40 seventh, eighth and ninth grade students from Lexington Junior High at Lexington, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Hall would move to amend the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

CLERK: Senator, I have AM1333 on 1623 of the Journal.