

to see LB 163 advance to Select File. I think we have a good opportunity to work with the various senators who have offered amendments this morning, to come together, hopefully, have a meeting of the minds on some of these ideas, and then get this bill passed this year. I think it is vitally important for Nebraska to begin moving on this issue before the hammer falls, in 1992, or whenever EPA standards come down. I think we need to be moving forward now so that we're prepared, we're ready to go, that we're not waiting until the last second, as we always seem to do, until there is a crisis and then we have to respond. The League of Municipality, the counties, many other private individuals have told me they're anxiously watching what happens to 163 because I think there are a number of communities out there who need the financial assistance to move forward, and this is the vehicle to do that. So I would ask the body to please advance LB 163 this morning.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill to E & R initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 163.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Before we take up the A bill, may I introduce Dr. Douglas Wheatly. Would you please rise so that we may recognize you. He is our doctor of the day from Omaha. Would you please welcome him. Dr. Wheatly, we appreciate your service for the day. And any of you members who feel faint or overweight or need a heart operation, please see Dr. Wheatly some time during today. Take up the A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 163A was offered by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, Mr. President. Senator Johnson, I do have an amendment from you, Senator. (The Johnson amendment is on page 353 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, rather than try and tell you what this amendment does off the cuff, I'm just going to read to you what this amendment does. This amendment to LB 163A removes the General Fund impact of the A bill.