

and I would urge you to approve Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Johnson, there are no other lights on, would you care to close on the amendment?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Only to make one comment. I was just told that the business fee would be a tax deductible business expense, so the businesses could write this off on their taxes as a deductible expense. Whether that does any good for any businesses, I just throw that into the argument. But I think we have talked about the amendment for a substantial amount of time and I would just move for its...for its approval.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson was closing on his amendment to LB 163. The issue before you now is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye and opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote if you care to. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amendment is adopted. Further amendments on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Schimek and Morrissey. Withdraw, Senator?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Morrissey. Severability clause, Senator.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, this simply, colleagues, this is the severability clause. One of Senator Hefner's amendments mentioned public and private. We would like that to be possible. We're not sure if it is. So, simply if the public, private aspect, is unconstitutional, it will not damage the rest of the bill. I would urge you to support the severability clause so we can continue addressing and moving forward in this area. Thank you.