

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I especially want to thank Senator Smith for her support of my amendment. (Laughter.) And I would just urge the body to advance my amendment, please. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question before the house is the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Dierks. Those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on Senator Dierks' amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Dierks amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. We then are proceeding to a discussion on the advancement of the bill. Senator Labedz, you're recognized for a discussion on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I waited a long time. I know you passed me up several times. But when I stood before you before on the amendment that I had at the beginning I failed to ask Senator Withem a question. I would ask him now, if he'd yield to one.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, would you respond.

SENATOR WITHEM: Certainly.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem, I...at the beginning I mentioned the fact that the Nebraska Association of School Boards sent out information and a score card asking us, and showing our vote on LB 346, and asking us to vote no on LB 346. Unfortunately, it only got 23 votes, because there was some senators absent. But for the record, would you tell me why the Nebraska Association of School Boards would be opposing LB 346 and at the same time asking us to increase the sales tax and the income tax of everyone in the State of Nebraska. Just that question, thank you.