

am well aware that my political stake, and this is very simple, if it fails to pass, I'm off the hook. If it passes and does not answer the question, oh, yes, we all share in that responsibility but I suppose I have the prime responsibility as an advocate. And, on the other hand, if it is the answer, then I'm not the high hero because it could not have been done without 33 senators concurring. So I just simply would ask that one of you would give the 33rd vote and I understand it will take two now, one for reconsideration and then one for the vote, that this issue can be placed before the court. It will be expedited. As I now understand it, based upon what I am told and those of you who are attorneys can correct that if that's not correct, but that's the basis for the decision of introduction of the bill is the need for it. I hope 33 of you will concur.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The motion to reconsider is debatable. Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Hall and Scofield.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support the motion for reconsideration and the eventual passage of LB 7. I think what we have at this particular moment is really a moment of truth as to the entire question of personal property in this state. Now those 243 companies that have decided to challenge the State of Nebraska, challenge our counties, our cities, our schools, really are talking about a considerable amount of money, an amount of money that our counties, our cities, our schools will not have next year. I think one thing that has been clear from the Special Session is that no one has...or no one thinks they have the absolute solution to our problem. We have had a number of sessions, regular session, to debate this issue and we have had a number of opportunities in those regular sessions to bring legislation before us to deal with the particular problems. Now, for better or for worse, the Governor chose to call a special session to deal with the problem. In my opinion, it took a lot of political courage. I would not have requested a special session and, matter of fact, I wouldn't have signed the special session. But we were called back in. She was given the opportunity, well, as far as I was concerned, the opportunity of getting some shots taken at her, and, for that, I think it takes a little bit of political courage. She proposed something, 32 of us, at this particular time, have somewhat agreed with it. I know we all have our difference of opinion as to who is the cause. My opinion is