

February 6, 1991 LB 296

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendment is adopted and the emergency clause is added. Senator Beyer. I recognize Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Madam President and colleagues, this bill was brought to us by Sarpy County, one of the counties that's quite unique in the taxation problems that we all have. But we have Offutt Air Force Base, we have the Capehart housing area, a lot of residents...nonresidents there. In fact, the statistics are there are 17,986 nonresident plates issued in the state and, of that number, 15,230 are issued in Sarpy County alone. And so all the county is asking is to get reimbursed...to raise the fee to get a little more reimbursement back for their costs. Their costs right now are \$3.83 to register a vehicle. By increasing this to \$5 for the nonresidents, it will help recuperate that, since, basically, a lot of the nonresidents that register their cars do not pay property tax in the state...or in the county, which increases the cost to the rest of the taxpayers in the county. So, with that, we're asking that...and this applies to all states (sic) that the nonresident fee go up to \$5 to allow them to recuperate part of that cost. With that, I would urge your advancement of the bill, as amended. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beyer. I now recognize Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, I simply rise to support the bill that Senator Beyer is the chief sponsor of. We have...I think he has mentioned the figure that we have...15,000 of our automobiles in Sarpy County are nonresidents and that's 20 percent of them. So we have a lot of nonresidents that use Sarpy County, so I simply ask the body to support this and advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Seeing no one else wishing to speak on the issue, do you have a closing statement, Senator Beyer?

SENATOR BEYER: I would waive closing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 296. All those in favor please vote