

February 25, 1991 LB 313

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Smith's amendment to the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment passes. Now proceed to the committee amendments. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam Chairman, I simply move the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. We now proceed to debate LB 313. Senator Conway, do you wish to open?

SENATOR CONWAY: Plenty of static electricity here today. Thank you, Madam President, the bill in its current form simply follows through as it was discussed earlier and two basic concepts. One is that we have several National Guard personnel who are serving, for instance, in Saudi Arabia and now in Iraq and in Kuwait who, while on active duty, the National Guard, different than reserves, different than regular army and different from any others are in a position when upon being killed in action may not have a flag given to them and their family at the interment of that particular individual, whereas a reservist or most anyone else would. It is somewhat of a little glitch in the law relative to our Nebraska National Guard members and so should we have someone who was to suffer such fate, the Adjutant General would present the family with a flag to give them the same rights for burial that we would find under regular service personnel and/or even reservists for that matter. It also includes National Guard members who have served for 20 years on active duty, then passed away and yet have not attained the age of 65. They also fall through the cracks in terms of being eligible for such a flag at their interment, so that's one, the first part of the bill. The second part of the bill says that at the discretion of. Now that Senator Smith has included a "may", that an agency head or a person who is in charge of a particular building who has a flag pole and/or means of displaying a flag, that if they are already displaying the