

reports the bill to General File.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman and members of the body, what LB 316 does is eliminate the exemption on motor vehicle property tax for members of the armed forces who are domiciled in the state. Registration to vote in Nebraska shall be considered prima facie evidence when determined whether such person is domiciled in Nebraska. What happened in 1988 is that the county assessors discovered that about 880 people that are residents and own vehicles voted to register to vote and did vote in the state, and when the assessor tried to collect taxes on their vehicles, they said, no, we're registered in another state, we don't want to pay taxes. And this simply clarifies the language so that when they do vote, they do pay taxes. If you remember, we first went to...the first Revolutionary War was fought over taxation without representation and this was...this is kind of bringing it in line, we're going to have if they vote, they pay taxes. With that, I will try to answer any questions if there are any.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, please, a question from Senator Hartnett or for Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Hartnett, do you honestly feel that this would encourage them to register their automobiles? Wouldn't it more or less encourage them not to vote? In other words, if it's going to cost them...Arkansas, I'm familiar, used to be familiar with the truck regulations, if it's going to cost them another hundred or two or three hundred dollars, don't you think that they're going to just not vote then?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Well, Senator Nelson, they can vote in their own state. I guess, my problem was that they were...they were voting here and they probably could vote in their other state and we wouldn't have any proof of it. But if they vote here, they have to...they have to pay personal property tax. I think most of...I think the armed services are pretty good at voting but it was just to kind of clarify the law of what is residency.

SENATOR NELSON: So, in other words, we're...we probably aren't going to get any more but we may not get any less by this.