

April 17, 1991 LB 409

Senator Johnson's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Will, would you like to make the motion.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the advancement of LB 409 to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to advance to E & R. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The bill is advanced to E & R.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schmit would move to return LB 409 to Select File for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, my amendment is as I described previously, and it is the amendment which was adopted prior to the time that the Legislature adopted Senator Rod Johnson's amendment. The amendment which I propose to add today will reduce, to \$5,000, the initial impact for the small operator. I know that Senator Rod Johnson has said this is probably the worst case scenario; it may be, on the other hand, it may not be. I can...I believe I can safely predict that each of us will, at one time or another, prior to the time that this problem has been resolved, will find a situation not dissimilar from that which has been described by myself and Senator Morrissey in the case of Mrs. Jeanneret. I know that it is probably not good practice to refer to an individual by name on this floor when we are discussing legislation. But, on the other hand, I want to say that sometimes it is necessary because it points out that the bills which we draw...draft, introduce, and pass into law are not inanimate objects, and they do not affect inanimate objects, but rather they affect and have an effect upon individual people, upon individual citizens, their homes, their families, their businesses, their lives. This is what we're looking at here today. We're looking at a situation where because this legislature chose to become involved, not entirely upon our own, again under mandate of the federal government, to clean up the underground tanks in the State of Nebraska, all of a sudden a whole group of individuals who had been law-abiding citizens, who had been providing a service to their communities, who had been working, for the most part in many instances, for below the minimum wage, and strictly because