

July 17, 1991

LB 6  
LR 1

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Conway would move to amend the bill. Senator, AM63S. (Conway amendment appears on pages 124-25 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. If I could have a Page to pass out, I got a little bit quicker by virtue of the time that I was expecting Senator Warner to take on his amendment, there's a pile here, I wish you'd just pass out, please. While these are coming I will start discussing the situation at hand in terms of LB 6. LB 6 is, and I have my moments after the last vote of wondering how futile continued discussion on LB 6 is. But it needs to be put into a shape so that, as we're talking on Select File, that it's positioned such that should the votes be there on LR 1 that it's in a position that I think is appropriate for this body to consider and advance. What you are going to be finding coming around to you is an amendment to LB 6 that takes a situation that is, in my opinion, completely inequitable. It's a unique situation. It's one that you heard a lot of discussion about, and you'll...out in the lobby and in the media and the like, and that basically gets into the situation with motor vehicles. Motor vehicles is unique by virtue of the way they will be treated, under LB 6 should it be enacted and should LR 1 fail on the ballot and LB 6 comes into play. Where it is unique is a situation that motor vehicles are the only item of personal property that's going to be taxed twice during the first year of its ownership. If we have an inventory schedule such that the automobile dealers that have their inventory and stock is listed, they pay the ad valorem tax associated with that particular inventory, based upon their holdings on January 1st, as is designed in the bill. And if, by chance, two weeks later, which I'm sure many dealers would hope, but somewhere in the course of that year, typically, the automobile is going to be sold. When you, as a consumer, go to license that automobile in the prescribed time that you're authorized by law to run on an in-transit until you have to do that, you will end up paying your personal property tax on that vehicle for the second time for that year. You pay it up front. Everything else, all of the other properties that we have in a situation whatsoever is always in a situation where if, in fact, it was taxed as an inventory item, and whoever that person may be that buys it in the State of Nebraska, brings it into their inventory, or any other taxable situation, it goes in a