

E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This is a debatable motion. Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, as you are all aware, I had some questions about LB 135 and the confidentiality of it. What I am attempting to do, and I just want this in the record so that it is clear because there are quite a number of new assessors out there who may not be aware of the fact that this is held in confidence and certainly I hope that somebody from the Revenue Department is listening and would take the opportunity to inform those new assessors, particularly those new assessors, that there is a confidential clause in this and that they would not, in fact, end up being cited for malfeasance of office for allowing somebody to have these records. And I think it's important that that be put in the record so that it is taken care of and somebody doesn't allow an individual to come in and review those records. I cite these concerns because it was brought to me by the attorneys who felt that, as I had said the other day, to think that confidentiality at the local level is silly, I don't think that's true, but I do think that these people need to be made aware that this clause is in there and so that they're not, in fact, held liable for something that they may not be aware of. With that, I'll obviously support the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the motion to advance LB 135 to E & R engrossing signify by saying aye. Opposed. It is advanced. LB 268.

CLERK: I have no amendments to the bill, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I move to advance LB 268 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed. It is advanced. We will return, Senator Schmitt, to LB 60.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending on the bill at this time.