

concern, the reason I didn't vote was obviously the Attorney General's Opinion that had come down and there were some questions raised as to whether this was a lending of the state's credit or whether this was a violation of using state funds for public purp... or for private purposes issue. I've read through that opinion about three times, I still can't make any sense out of it and I don't think that...it isn't particularly instructive and it's certainly not enough for me to change my mind and I plan to vote this time to support it. My fears that I had at that point in time I think have gone away and I was unconvinced by that opinion to sway me and, quite frankly, I voted not voting as a matter of caution but now I have reduced my reservations about that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the close. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you have further part of closing? Closing is concluded. The question is shall the vote on Final Reading of LB 609 be considered? It requires 30 votes for adoption. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to reconsider the Final Reading vote on LB 609.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Final Reading vote is reconsidered. We are now placed back in a position of voting on the Final Reading of...voting on final approval. All provisions of law relative to procedure have been complied with previously so the question before the body at this point is the adoption of LB 609. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2102 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 6 nays, 9 present and not voting, 6 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 609 passes. Final Reading is completed for the day. We'll move to Select File, appropriation bills. Before doing that, would like to recognize the doctor of the day. We have from Franklin, Nebraska, which is in Senator Schrock's district, Dr. Bill Doering and his wife Ann are with us. Would you please stand. Mr. Clerk, LB 389.

CLERK: LB 389, Mr. President, Senator Maurstad, E & R amendments first of all, Senator.