

March 3, 1971

(Machine not operating for part of discussion on LB337)

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, in response to Mr. Keyes's proposal we have discussed this thoroughly with the veterans groups and they are opposed to amending the age back to 65. I personally rise to support Mr. Burbach's amendment and leave the age at 70, just the way it is.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Klaver.

SENATOR KLAVER: I'd like to ask Senator Burbach a question. Is the purpose of what you're doing with your amendment to raise what the veterans get.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Klaver this is exactly it. No one else can qualify for, only a veteran who has obtained the age of 70 years. This would increase the exemption for the home that they may live in. For example, the total cost today is 5.7 million dollars for the homestead exemption. But the veterans over 70 years of age that own their own home and apply for homestead exemption total 10,255 were approved. One hundred percent disabled veterans are not included in this figure. Of this 10,255, 10,147 live in houses valued at 4,000 dollars or more. One hundred and eight live in houses valued at 1500 dollars or less. It (inaudible) about 160 thousand dollars of fiscal pay.

SENATOR KLAVER: That's the total cost?

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of Senator Burbach's motion? All those in favor of Senator Burbach's motion signify by saying aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it.

CLERK: Further amendment Mr. President. Read amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, this particular amendment was an oversight two years ago because also veterans may be female, the ladies. They should be considered and therefore we say the widow or widower. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion of the amendment? All those in favor of the amendment signify by saying aye, opposed say no. The ayes have it, so ordered.

CLERK: Further amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.