

June 1, 1993

LB 231

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRÉSIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted. We are at Select File. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Janssen are Mary Sendgraf and Joel Yelkin of Fremont. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Hohenstein, for opening on the amendment.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Just very briefly, I've discussed the amendment and I know there's other people that have some things to say, maybe some questions to ask. I just want to respond to a couple of things Senator Ashford said, and I don't think we have a big philosophical disagreement. We do have a disagreement over the interpretation of the law, and I could pick a couple of lines out of every case, and probably convince half of you that what Senator Ashford said is completely inaccurate. That's what you can do with a court case. Senator Ashford said and made the statement that he thinks we are going to lose control. Senator Ashford, what control did we have over the Omaha compact? Before 231, what control did we have over that compact?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Legislative ratification.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Was that required by law?

SENATOR ASHFORD: When?

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: At any time. Did we have to ratify the Omaha compact?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't know, Senator. Not under current...that's why it was in the existing 231.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: In fact the case is we had no control over that and we had no obligation to ratify that, and the Constitution does not require that. I mean you could take this to the extreme, should we...should we have ratification over everything the Governor does? Does the Governor have some obligation to negotiate as the Chief Executive of the State of