

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

DAVIS SHOWS HIS RECORD.

There recently appeared in the City press a scathing denunciation of my record in the Legislature regarding the Building & Loan Association of Nebraska, and the Mutual Building & Loan Association of our city in particular.

This attack being made by one of the principal officers of our local association, it drags that worthy institution into politics, a position that I am sure ninety per cent of its members do not approve of, and were it possible that all who read the article were citizens of our city for the past thirty years, no reply or notice of the unwarranted attack would have been made by me.

Let me say emphatically, that so far as my attitude toward the Building & Loan Association is concerned, that it is exactly opposite to that stated in the article referred to.

I have for the past 30 years, been a member of such an association and for a season served as assistant Secretary of the local Association. I have believed in them and their good work and advised dozens of young men to take stock and thus create the habit of saving for the rainy day. I challenge any man, woman or child within the State of Nebraska, regardless of the color of their hair or whether or not they can speak the English language plainly, to show that I have ever uttered a word of condemnation against organizations of this character.

The recent attack says, "Not once did Davis raise his voice in defence of the rights and interests of the members of the Mutual Building & Loan Association, embracing ninety per cent of the population of our city." Let us see by substantial proof what the record really shows.

There was introduced in the Legislature two real Building and Loan Bills, one known as Senate File No. 69, by Senator Robbins of Douglas; the other, being House Roll No. 454 by Representative Clark Jeary of Lancaster I ask that you read the following letter from Mr. Jeary, sponsor of the House Bill:—

Law Offices  
CLARK JEARY  
Suite 204 Terminal Building.  
Lincoln Nebr. June 24, 1927

Mr. E. S. Davis,  
North Platte, Nebraska,

Dear Sir:—

My attention has been called to the fact that in your campaign for the Republican nomination for State Representative an attack has been made upon you from the Building & Loan Associations, and that the reason for the same is predicated upon your having voted for Senate File No. 65, the general taxation bill.

I am indeed surprised that an attack should be made upon you from these people because your record does not warrant such action on their part.

I introduced, on behalf and upon the request of the Building & Loan associations of the State, House Roll No. 454 and a like bill, to wit Senate File No. 69, was introduced in the Senate. This bill provided in effect that Building & Loan stock should not be taxed in the hands of the individual owners inasmuch as the real estate upon which the corporation held mortgages was taxed to its full value. This bill of mine was referred to the committee on Revenue and Taxation, and they indefinitely postponed the same on the ground that the Senate bill was identical with mine, that the Senate Revenue and Taxation committee was holding public meetings and that it would be a waste of time to consider my bill in the House if the Senate refused to pass the Senate File. My recollection is that you favored the Building and Loan bill which I introduced, and encouraged its passage, and gave me very loyal support in endeavoring to secure the passage of this law.

Again I say that I am thoroughly convinced that the people who are making an attack upon you are not acquainted with all the facts with regard to your record on this legislation, or they would not be making this attack.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Davis.

(Signed)

CLARK JEARY

CJ—MF"

If you are still skeptical, I also present a letter from the Chairman of the House Committee on Revenue and Taxation, as follows:

Fairmont, Nebraska, June 26, 1922

To Whom It May Concern:

Inquiry has been made of me regarding the attitude of Representative E. S. Davis of North Platte in the matter of legislation effecting Building & Loan Associations in the session of the 1921 legislature. I recall that Mr. Davis appeared before the Committee on Revenue and Taxation with petitions from North Platte citizens favoring certain bills which the Building & Loan desired passed and that Mr. Davis to the best of my knowledge was friendly to this legislation.

(Signed)

George A. Williams, Chairman  
Committee on Revenue and Taxation"

Not stopping my activities in the House I also appeared before the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation in defense of Senate Bill 69 which was identical with the House bill, for proof of which I submit to you the testimony of Senator Anderson, its Chairman, which reads as follows:

"Business Address  
Bankers Life Insurance Co.  
Phone B-3311  
Residence Address  
1950 U. Street  
Phone F-4418

CHARLES B. ANDERSON  
Lincoln, Nebraska

June 26, 1922

Hon. E. S. Davis  
North Platte, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter of June 23rd., received and carefully noted. I do remember your appearing before the Revenue Committee of the Senate in connection with Senator Hoagland in support of S. F. 69 by Robbins.

I know you took quite an interest in this matter. I am glad that you are candidate for re-election to the house and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours

(Signed)

C. B. Anderson

CBA:LR"

For fear some obstinant reader might still believe the statement of my willful misrepresentation, I am giving below the testimony of the Secretary of the Home Building & Loan Association of Lincoln. Mr. Harrington was on the job for weeks as a personal representative of the Building & Loan Associations of Nebraska, looking after their interests and legislation. His integrity is unquestioned. His letter should forever settle the matter as to my position and activities for Building & Loan Associations. It reads as follows:

"HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION  
HOME OFFICE  
210-212 So. Thirteenth St.  
Fraternity Building

OFFICERS  
Frank Mills, President  
George E. Hager, V. President  
R. E. Harrington, Secretary  
E. M. Blair, Treasurer  
J. A. Brown Attorney

DIRECTORS  
R. E. Harrington  
Frank Mills  
George E. Hager  
J. A. Brown  
E. M. Blair

Lincoln, Nebraska. July 26th, 1922

E. S. Davis,  
North Platte, Nebraska

Dear Sir:—

I am indeed surprised at the information contained in your letter of the 23rd. It seems strange to me that anyone should attack you as one who was opposed to House Roll No. 454, introduced by Jeary, and Senate File No. 69, introduced by Robbins.

I well remember the first time you called at my office and told me how much you were interested in Building & Loan Associations—that you had been a member of one for a number of years and at one time an officer. Then a year later, when we needed help in the House to try and pass this legislation, I called you in my office in regard to the matter and I found

you in sympathy with the measure and without solicitation on my part you pledged your best efforts to the passage of these measures, which you stated you considered fair and just.

I remember that a number of times we counseled together during the time the Senate file measure was under debate and that at all times you were in hearty sympathy with the passage of that measure.

You should have no trouble, if it is necessary, in getting plenty of testimonies from the Building & Loan Association officers, who were active in supporting this measure, as to your stand and loyalty in the matter.

If I can be of any further assistance, personally, command me. With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours Respectfully,

HOME SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

By (Signed)

R. E. Harrington  
Secretary

REH—CB"

I regret exceedingly that I cannot furnish the further testimony of R. M. Gillan of Auburn, a past president of the Nebraska League of Savings and Loan Associations, and who was an employee of the Senate. Mr. Gillan and myself had many conferences and he knew my position; but unfortunately, Mr. Gillan has been removed by death which occurred quite recently.

Somebody is surely mistaken as to my record and I feel free to let the voters of this city decide who it is.

Now further as to my vote on Senate File 65, for which no apology is made. Let us see what taxing change it made on Building & Loan stock, held by individuals. Quoting from a pamphlet gotten out by the Omaha Building & Loan Associations and sent to me at Lincoln by the president of our own association:

"Old law, Chap. 498, Sec. 14 reads in part: 'But shares of stock in said association shall, for the purpose of taxation, be considered and held as credits, and members and holders of such shares shall list the same for taxation and the same shall be taxed in such manner and subject to such reductions as may be provided by law for the taxation of other credits.'" Quoting further, this pamphlet says:

"Under the present law (one prior to 1921) each shareholder is required to list the full value of his shares in his return to the assessor as credits."

Under the ruling of the State Tax Commissioner, the assessment of Building & Loan stock under the new law, shall be made on a basis of one-fourth of three per cent of its real-value, and makes the shareholders tax less than two per cent of what the old law provided. I make no apology for supporting this change and for which the Nebraska League of Building & Loan at their last session held in Lincoln on May 17th, declare their satisfaction, in "being placed upon the same basis for taxation purposes as other corporations." (See page 47, Proceedings of that session.)

Contrary to the article published I am not asking for re-election on my Building & Loan record, but also submit a portion of my activities as follows without apology:

1. Support of the amendment to the Employees Liability Bill, which gives the same protection to the laborer where employed alone in place of with four or more others.
2. Opposition to the Anti-Picketing Bill, because of its drastic language and because this was no time to agitate labor conditions.
3. Opposition to the Industrial Court Bill—Similar to the Kansas Law.
4. Support of Volunteer Firemen-Civil Service Law in Omaha Charter, and my vote in the Committee made the decision.
5. Support of the twelve bills reported for Child Welfare, including censorship of moving pictures and Mothers' Pensions.
6. Support of entire program of American Legion Legislation, including the Anti-Alien Land Law introduced by myself.
7. Opposition to the bill placing Public Service Corporations under the State Railway Commission and Attorneys Crosby and Shuman can testify as to the quality of my opposition on this bill.
8. Support of special legislation for the extension of our present water works system so as to give service to the whole city.
9. Support of measures advocated by Farm Bureau and Agricultural Societies.
10. Passage of bill to locate State Fish Hatchery in Lincoln or Garden Counties.
11. Support of bills for continuation of Good Roads and State Aid Bridge program and the extension of Distance for State paying to institutions so as to include the State Farm at this place.
12. Support of the Language and Public School Bills.
13. The re-districting of Lincoln County for Legislative purposes—so that rural as well as the city would be insured of proper representation.

The above is a partial list of my activities, altho I should mention the part that came to me as Chairman of the Committee on Railroads. The unsolicited letters of thanks that I have received from the Legislative heads of the Brotherhoods of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Railway Trainmen and Switchmen are treasures I will always appreciate. I am not unmindful either of the words of appreciation from the attorneys of the various railroad corporations for my fairness, patience and tact in conducting the numerous hearings which were had before that important committee.

Friends, for all this or any other act, that I cannot recall, I make no apology—no money gift, or promise, swerved me from what I thought was right and if returned by your vote, I promise to bow the knee to no corporation, click, firm, union, association or individual in the discharge of my duties as a representative, but will devote my entire time and attention to representing this community as a whole.

Respectfully

E. S. Davis

W. M. STEBBINS

—OF—

GOTHENBURG



CANDIDATE FOR

State Treasurer

—ON—

The Republican Ticket

Western Nebraska wants a man in the state house who is reliable, conservative and safe. Mr. Stebbins has been in business in Gothenburg for many years and is known for his honesty, integrity and good judgment.

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