



Senators slip on usury talk

By Jim Zalewski

In light of the current tight economic and money situation in the United States, Nebraska citizens might expect their Legislature to discuss matters such as usury rates with careful attention.

However, anyone who heard the amendment procedures at the Unicameral Thursday on LB349, which deals with interest charged on loans, could hardly be impressed with the senators' diligence.

Sens. Orval Keyes of Springfield and Ernest Chambers of Omaha joined in opposition to raising the rate above nine per cent.

Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh said penalty rates were not adequate and later proposed an amendment that would abolish the usury rate and allow individuals to negotiate each loan individually with bankers.

But between Chambers' Bible quotes and DeCamp's questions about what television camera was on, other senators seemed almost disinterested.

It was not uncommon to see senators talking with friends, reading the paper or walking outside to stretch their legs.

One senator settled back comfortably in his chair and did not move or open his eyes for 10 minutes.

Several times when votes were taken on numerous amendments to the bill, senators would walk back to their seats, ask a senator, "What's this?" and then push their voting button.

When Lt. Gov. Gerald Whelan, as presiding officer, did not agree with Keyes' argument, he had Keyes' microphone turned off.

Senators could not even be persuaded to return to their seats promptly for a roll call to determine who was present.

One senator perhaps best summed up the situation on the floor when he asked the senators to cease their private discussions and meanderings and to concentrate instead on the amendments at hand which had economic importance for the state's future.

Faculty, deans think so

Is dead week really dead?

Is dead week ever really dead?

Dick Gilbert, president of the UNL Faculty Senate, said senate members have been reminding department chairmen that exams cannot be given during dead week, the week prior to final exam week, without unanimous consent of the students in each class.

The Faculty Senate approved the dead week policy April 10, 1973. Gilbert said the senate is not monitoring violations because they have no power to enforce the policy. He said complaints should be made to department chairmen.

The Faculty Senate also approved a policy recommending that final exams be given during the times and dates scheduled in the class schedule booklet. The policy went into effect in October 1971.

The majority of UNL college deans don't seem to think the dead week policy is being violated.

Max Larsen, interim dean of the College of Arts and Science, said he knows of very few complaints about the dead week policy.

Larsen said if the majority of students in a class want a test to be administered during dead week, he doesn't see why the student or teacher should be penalized if the test is taken then.

He said the only complaint he knows of came from a student who had agreed to take a test during dead week and then did poorly on the test. Larsen said this student complained and said a violation had occurred. The student, he said, wanted to take the test over again.

Robert Egbert, dean of Teacher's College, said the dead week policy never has been a problem, and he said he doesn't think this year will be any different.

Egbert said violations may occur that have not been reported.

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