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SPEAKER: Let's lay the bill over. Move on to what--390, Senator Murphy's bill? Excuse me, 243 is next.

CLERK: Mr. President, 243 is Senator Warner's bill and he's never arrived.

SPEAKER: Well, let's try 231.

CLERK: Has not arrived.

SPEAKER: Senator Frank Lewis' bill? Senator Lewis in the chamber? Do you want to take up your 231 on general file?

CLERK: Senator Kime, no, switch of names, maybe so.

SPEAKER: Let's get together, are we 231 here?

CLERK: Yes, it's Senator Lewis' bill now.

SPEAKER: Great, Senator Lewis--

CLERK: Legislative Bill 231, introduced by Senator Kime of the 43rd district (read). Mr. President, there are committee amendments by Senator Waldron's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

SPEAKER: There are committee amendments, Senator Lewis, which you will have to work on first. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER: We're on L.B. 231, discussing the committee amendments. Senator Lewis, we'll need some explanation, I think.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, L.B. 231 relates to electrical licensing laws which are governed by the State Electrical Board appointed by the Governor. I think most of you are aware of the provisions of the board. They issue the license which allow the holders to install electrical work anywhere in the State of Nebraska. The problem which exists now and what L.B. 231 would help correct, is the board has just the authority to issue the license but no authority for following up inspection of the work of its licensees. L.B. 231 would allow the electrical board to inspect the work of all its licensees in the areas where no electrical inspection is provided. I'd like for you to note that. In the area where no electrical inspection is provided, if the city, town, county or rural area is now inspecting the electrical work, 231 will not affect them at all. The attempt of 231 is to provide the citizens of this State who live in the area where no inspection is available now, with the opportunity to be assured of a safe electrical installation. At the present time, the board has no authority to make inspections even if requested to do so by the property owner and, of course, one of the real serious problems of this is the fact that many public buildings are not currently being inspected. I have a list of probably 5 or 6 pages here of public facilities, schools, churches, hospitals, nursing homes where the electrical work is not being inspected, so, Mr. President, I have other remarks but I'll reserve those at this point and I think that explains what the amendment would do and what the bill would do and again, I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis. We're speaking on the committee amendments to L.B. 231.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I'm getting some guff from my compatriot here in front that's, you can't hear it and I can.

SPEAKER: I may be fortunate.