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for children inadequate. The Nebraska State Department of Health reports the measles and rubella immunization status of Nebraska children entering school this year is not adequate to prevent epidemics. For adequate protection against outbreaks, at least 90% of the children entering school should be immunized against measles and rubella. In Nebraska, only 64% entered school immunized against rubella and 77% against measles. In Lancaster county, only 76.9% of the children entering school were immunized against rubella and 85.4% were immunized against measles. Compared to other counties with more than 300 school enrollees, Lancaster county ranked first in both rubella and measles protection. Wm. R. Pack, Immunization Coordinator for the Department of Health, said outbreaks of the two diseases would mean high rates of school absenteeism. I'm sorry, absenteeism and medical expense, serious complications resulting in permanent loss of life. Nebraska State Health Department recommends that before children enter school next fall, they should be immunized against measles, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. I move that this bill be laid...be...I move that this bill be introduced.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the motion? The question is shall the bill be introduced. All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. Senator Maresh is asking for the introduction of the bill. That does require 30 votes. Have you all voted? You will have to punch. We have a malfunction anyway this morning. Will Senator Kelly...would you go ahead. Well, wait a minute. That's fine. We do..thank you. The clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, 18 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move that the Rules be suspended and this bill be placed on General File due to the emergency that exists.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh is asking for the Rules to be suspended and the bill be placed directly on General File due to the emergency. Is there need for further discussion of that motion? Senator Snyder. Why don't you wait just a minute before you take the floor, Senator Snyder. The clerk would like to read the title of this bill. It's a constitutional requirement.

CLERK: Read title. LB 546.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, let me make this perfectly clear. This is merely a...Senator Maresh asked if I would say just a word about it. He's afraid I might jump up and go the other way on him. But this is something he found out, there way money available this year and the bill that we passed earlier, the program would not start until next year. So in this case, I certainly don't object and I hope nobody else will, but there has been a public hearing on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on the motion? Before we vote on the issue, let's try something. You will notice we have one aye vote registered up here and we don't know where the malfunction is. Would each of you look at your voting devices, buttons, down there and make sure that you don't have a book up against them, or, perhaps, your neighbor, also, if he is not here. Sometimes, we've gotten a book jammed up against those buttons and then they record.