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CLERK: Read announcement by Public Works Committee on page 449 in the Journal. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll go back to the introduction of bills before we go to General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move for the introduction of the attached bill, Request No. 769. Signed by Senator Rasmussen. It's offered by the Government, Military, and Veterans Committee. Read Req. No. 769.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dennis Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. This bill was introduced for the city of North Platte, to distract the unfair language restricting any applicant from the lowest grade in the fire department if he's more than 30 years of age and also strike the lowest grade pertaining to the police department. For they are also unable to join the department if they are more than 35 years of age. I'd ask for the introduction of this bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the granting of the request by Senator Rasmussen to introduce the bill. Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The request is granted.

CLERK: Read Req. No. 767.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to yield to Senator Swigart. Senator Swigart brought this bill to the Public Works Committee at the request of MUD and he has the background information.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. Chairman and colleagues. Thank you, Senator Kremer. Things are so well managed in Omaha that the Metropolitan Utilities District had ample gas for our people and even a little surplus. So, when an emergency come last week, they began in this emergency to pipe gas to the east to the best they could and to provide warmth for those people. They...I want to make very clear that this gas pipe to the east does not go into any industries. It is only to warm the homes of the residential people and it's all in an emergency but there was some doubt, some vague language that gives them the power to pipe gas out of their district and also across state lines. This law, this new bill that we've just introduced would provide that authority. I'm sure you understand the emergency nature of the action that was taken a few days ago and that you will conform to making this legal so it can be done in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion. The question is the request of Senator Kremer as committee chairman for the introduction of this bill. Record your vote. Please vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President. Mr. President, new bills.

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