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pages of the Nebraska code, and we are also by getting rid of the Nebraska Antifreeze Act being able to get rid of some Nebraska...some excessive governmental regulation, not a lot of regulation, granted, but at least we are undoing that particular regulatory scheme. So I would ask your advancement of this particular bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill as amended. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. LB 497. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. LB 250.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 250 (read title). The bill was read on January 16, referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendments involve a couple of words really. LB 250 makes several changes relating to the Commission for the Hearing Impaired. Most of the bill involves technical changes but the committee did make three changes to the bill. First on page 3, we reinserted that the Commission was for "advocating" public policies and programs rather than "facilitating" them. We felt that "advocating" better defined their mission. Secondly, on page 4 we again reinstated language, this time "promote" the training of interpreters rather than the Commission would "provide" for their training. Providing for the training of interpreters could have a major fiscal impact on the Commission and the Commission does not want to get into this area. Finally on page 4, we reinserted the word "voluntary" to say that the Commission will conduct a voluntary census of the hearing impaired people of the state rather than just a census. The committee felt this could create a situation of forced registration by people that they are hearing impaired and no one wants to force this. These are the committee amendments. I move for their adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.