

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to support the bill and I just challenge everyone to come up with three or four bills like this. I think this is a good bill. I don't know what it will save, probably five or \$10,000 and coming from a liberal like Senator Moore I think we should congratulate him. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Anyone else wishing to discuss LB 35? Seeing no one, Senator Moore, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 35. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 35.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 35 advances. We will now go to LB 67.

CLERK: LB 67, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Wickersham and Coordsen. (Read title.) Introduced on January 7, referred to Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a simple bill. It is related to legislation which was passed in the 1992 session, that was LB 27. In LB 27 we passed into law sections prohibiting persons from selling fire equipment or clothing in the State of Nebraska which did not meet NFPA standards. Those are national standards for those kinds of items. That legislation was greatly needed in the State of Nebraska. However, the legislation, in my mind, is being misinterpreted by some people and is being extended beyond the scope of what rational people would say it should be. The bill this year, LB 67, is to limit the scope of the bill passed last year, LB 27. Specifically, it limits the scope by saying that the garments that fire fighters wear underneath their protective clothing need not meet the NFPA standards. It's as simple as that. Some people have read the legislation from last year and said that there's a question... Oh, Senator Beutler, we don't want to talk about that. (Laughter.) That was done in