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5 percent sales tax rate became liable for \$1,250 in sales tax and would have changed to a monthly filing status under the current statute. Through no fault of their own, these businesses had their paperworks and costs increased. LB 128 would rectify that situation by returning these businesses to a quarterly filing status. To conclude, LB 128 will simply allow the Department of Revenue to collect the same amount of taxes they do now while reducing paperwork, staff time and costs. We'd be doing a service to the business community by reducing their costs and paperwork and we could demonstrate to the people of Nebraska that we can make government work more efficiently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Any questions?

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Discussion, Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I rise in support of this bill. This sounds like a great idea to cut down on paperwork. It was also, if you look at the proponents, backed by the Nebraska Federation of Independent Businesses and I appreciate Senator Robak bringing this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Any other discussion? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Robak? She waives closing. We'll now vote on the advancement of LB 128. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 128.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 128 advances. We'll go to LB 479.

CLERK: 479 introduced by the Natural Resources Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a short bill that is designed to clarify the prerogatives or the ability of local political subdivisions to accept loans from a Department of Energy Conservation Loan Program which is designed basically to allow different entities and different