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LB 42, 333, 444, 563  
LR 47

want to pass a bill here today for one corner in the City of Lincoln. So I urge you to vote for this kill motion and get rid of the bill, and I am going to call the contractor. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Crosby, and the time has expired on LB 333. That will go off the agenda and we'll go to LB 42. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, thank you, LR 47 offered by Senator Cudaback. (Read brief description of resolution.) Priority bill designations, LB 563 by Senator Schellpeper by the General Affairs Committee. Senator Robinson has selected LB 444 as his priority bill. (See pages 886-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 42 was a bill introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Landis.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 42 was reported out of the Transportation Committee 8-0. It is a recommendation to us from the Public Service Commission who appeared in support of the measure. The Intrastate Pay-Per-Call bill, LB 42 is the sum total of authority that states have to exercise with respect to 900 numbers on intrastate phone calls. As you know, the FCC, the Interstate Commerce clause gives the federal government a great deal of jurisdiction in this area and that we generally get to regulate inside our border calls. Even to that extent the federal law has indicated what states may do with respect the regulation of those calls and there are about five things that this bill says have to happen in a 900 phone call. First, there is a preamble where the caller is told the terms of this call and the money that might be charged. Remember that a 900 number like this is where the caller makes the phone call and then is charged an amount for the call. The first thing that occurs in the preamble is the disclosure of all per call charges. That will have to happen in the preamble. Secondly, they will have to state the name of the provider and accurately describe the product or service that the caller receives for the fee. For example, there is a horoscope 900 number in Nebraska that costs \$50 a phone call that will have to be disclosed up front. Billing commences only after a specific time event such