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LB 833A, 1034, 1175, 1207A, 1223A

CLERK: Madam President, items for the record, thank you. Health and Human Services Committee offers notice or gives confirmation hearing report, I should say. I have a gubernatorial appointment from the Governor, a reference report referring that appointment to Standing Committee and a hearing notice from that Standing Committee.

New A bills, LB 1207A by Senator Beutler. (Read for the first time by title.) LB 833A by Senator Wickersham. (Read for the first time by title.) Senator Dierks, amendments to LB 1223A to be printed; Senator Elmer to LB 1034. (See pages 1754-55 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, next bill, LB 1175, originally introduced by Senator Avery. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery, do you wish to open on LB 1175?

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President, members, yeah, LB 1175 is a bill that is brought out because there's several different situations that have, I guess, the reasons for having this bill brought out, but as it...what it, basically, does is it removes some of the confidentiality requirements that the Department of Revenue operates under or the tax commissioner and allows counties to get the names and addresses of those individuals, businesses, basically, lodging facilities that pay the lodging tax when a county does that. This will allow the county to check in to make sure that we have, that they have, all the facilities are paying their tax and that the funds will come into the County Visitors' Promotion Fund. With that, there are several reasons...this primarily, some of the problems that existed were because of the metro area. We have situations where we have lodging facilities very close and actually have Omaha addresses that are in Sarpy County. Because of that and because of the operation, the Department of Revenue when they're tracking the reporting of these taxes, in one case they may be tracking the sales tax and they consider that a business. They may stamp it Omaha or Douglas County when actually it gets so there is a mix-up and hopefully this will provide each and every county that opportunity to check and verify that they are getting their taxes to the funds. With that I'll try to answer any questions and I think there's a couple of amendments.