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standards. We will work to that end and report to you at the time that the bill comes on Select File, if you see fit to advance it. I would urge the advancement of Legislative Bill 47. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The motion before us is to advance LB 47 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 47 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, next bill is LB 83. Bill was introduced by Senators Wickersham and Preister. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 7th, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill back to General File with no committee amendments attached.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on LB 83.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. As the Clerk indicated, quite briefly, this is a compact, that is an agreement among states. At the moment, I believe the count stands at 25 states that are signatories or members of the compact. The compact was an idea that originated in the southeastern part of the United States, specifically Florida, after Hurricane Andrew a few years ago. It is designed to address or put in place a structure so that states can render emergency assistance to one another on an agreed upon basis. And you see most of the provisions of the agreement in the bill itself, because that is literally the contract between the states. Now there are some provisions that would be applicable to the contract that are not in the bill, but those are the provisions for general implementation of the contract, and it requires that each state carry out some activities in order to be prepared to respond to emergencies in other states, and the basis upon which they would respond in other states. Now, there are a couple of provisions in the agreement, I think, that are