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discussion, a lot of interesting points have been raised. I believe that we need a process by which we do this review and I think this bill is not the only answer but it's certainly an answer and I would simply ask for your advancement to E & R.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 298 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

**CLERK:** 28 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 298.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** LB 298 advances to E & R Initial. Before we move to the next bill, a guest of Senator Chris Peterson under the north balcony is Greg Stine of Grand Island. Would you please wave, and welcome to the Legislature. LB 59.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, LB 59, introduced by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7, at that time referred to Natural Resources. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on LB 59.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 59 is an attempt to bring fairness to an issue of collection of the waste reduction and recycling fee that we instituted in, I'm not sure what year, 19...well, we...several years ago. And in 1997 I had a couple of constituents contact me. They own small businesses in Lincoln. They are charged the \$25 waste reduction and recycling fee each year. They don't have a problem with it. They think it's a good fee that provides benefits to the community, but they did state that they thought the fee should be applied to each location of a business, in other words, not applied to a business overall, but each location. If a business has a location in Scottsbluff and one in Kearney and one in Lincoln, there should be the \$25 fee at each location because there is waste generated at each location. The constituents asked that the fee be applied to each location. This is not meant to be a money-generating bill.