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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Pedersen, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 632. Senator Pedersen waives closing. Motion before us is the advancement of LB 632. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 632.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 632 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: LB 161, Mr. President, by the Transportation Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Bromm to open on LB 161.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I'll be fairly brief on the introduction, then maybe go into the committee amendments in a little bit more detail. But to give you an idea of what we're doing here, LB 161 adopts into state statute certain federal regulations on motor vehicle safety and the transportation of hazardous materials. This is kind of the annual HAZMAT bill that we have to pass to comply with federal safety regulations, particularly as they apply to hazardous materials and the transportation of hazardous materials. This bill would adopt changes in the federal motor carrier regulations that have occurred after July 1 of 1998. And the bill would also remove some language that is now obsolete, rendered obsolete in our state statutes by last year's LB 1056. The bill does have the emergency clause attached. I would further point out to the body that, in more specifics, that Section 75-363 of the statutes is affected by language being added which updates the federal motor carrier safety regulations in Nebraska, from July 1 of '98 to January 1 of '99. In Section 75-364 language is added which updates the date of the federal transportation of hazardous materials regulations, again to January 1 of '99. I mentioned the language being removed because of 1056, and I think I'll stop there until we get to explaining the committee amendments, Mr. President. Thank you.