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couple of years ago for all of Nebraska, this harmonizes that commission form of government with that, and I would urge adoption of this bill and advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Discussion on the advancement of LB 250. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think I've said it several times. I hope everyone understands, and I urge advancement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The question before us is the advancement of LB 250. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 250.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 250 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, LB 416.

CLERK: (LB) 416, Mr. President, by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. To open on LB 416, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. LB 416 raises the certain dollar thresholds which trigger reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. Some of these dollar thresholds have been in place for more than 20 years. The rising cost of running a campaign and simple inflation requires us to question whether these thresholds are still appropriate. LB 416 would make the following changes, would raise from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the threshold for forming a committee. The rationale behind that is the 2,000 dollar figure has been in place since 1987. Prior to that time the threshold had been raised 1,000...had been \$1,000 for a number of years,