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aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 318.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 318 advances. LB 621.

CLERK: (LB) 621, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on 621.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This is the infamous fireworks bill. And it would simply allow fireworks to be sold around New Year's, this year only. The sales tax collected would be remitted to the Fire Insurance Tax Fund, and those funds are maintained by the Fire Marshall's Office, and they're used for fire investigation, detection, suppression of arson and other fire prevention activities. This bill does not override any local provisions concerning fireworks, so it would be considered permissive in nature. And this is just a one-year change in statutes due to the celebration of the year 2000. And it's just a great way to keep retail and tax dollars here in Nebraska, when surrounding states sell fireworks year-round. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have a motion on the desk.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone (LB) 621. Senator Smith, you would have the option to lay the bill over.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You'll take the bill up, Senator Smith?