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SENATOR CROSBY: Just to ask for the move...to move...advance the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 112 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 112.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 112 advances. LB 573.

CLERK: (LB) 573 by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Introduced on January 19, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This issue was brought to me a couple of years ago by our animal control specialists and the local Humane Society in Lincoln. There are any number of locations around the state where counties and cities and private animal welfare organizations have, because of a wide variety of circumstances, the obligation to euthanize animals, and there is a relatively humane way to do that and that's a lethal injection. However, lethal injections are a particular kind of drug regulated by the federal government and only veterinarians can have access to them. This means that if your agency either doesn't have a relationship with a veterinarian or can't afford their services, you have to use another method for the killing of animals and it occurs rather regularly around this state that on occasion people have to shoot dogs and cats, or in some counties there's a situation in which they take the county truck and they put carbon monoxide into a refrigerator, they put the animal in the refrigerator, close the door and euthanize it with carbon monoxide, which is a long painful process. So our local veterinary services said, look, isn't there a way, when an agency wants to make this happen, that they could work with