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concerned, this bill is not going to make any difference, one way or another?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Probably not, in terms of agriculture, but I would...I would say that across the state there ought to be more...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...prosperity for all, if there's more participants across the whole state in terms of business.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is three o'clock. At this point in time, I have a number of lights, I am going to clear the board. If we get through the committee priority bills, and have time yet this afternoon, we will come back to this bill, but your lights will not be in the order that they are right now. Mr. Clerk, LB 623.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 623 was a bill by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) The bill was introduced January 19, referred to Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0760, Legislative Journal page 1045.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 623 makes it possible to do some things by audiovisual appearance with regard to criminal procedure which are not now permitted. Specifically, the authorization would apply to any court appearance except trial when the physical appearance of the defendant is now required at law. It is expected that the most frequent use of the audiovisual court appearance will be at the arraignment, the initial court appearance for someone who has been arrested. It is at this stage that the plea is entered and a bond is set. As an example of the need for such a procedure, I'd like to offer Douglas County on a typical Monday morning. All those arrested over the weekend, usually totaling between 60