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front page which is from the law enforcement agencies of Nebraska and their report which says, the Nebraska State Patrol is not in a position to adequately discharge their mission and, as a result, the law enforcement efforts across the state are negatively impacted. I think this approach by bringing all the law enforcement agencies of the state, members of the public, members of this body together to, with the assistance of experts in the field and with the facilitation of the university, to bring all the issues to the table, to see if we can assist this extremely important agency in being able to more adequately meet its mission, and see if there are things that we can do differently that other agencies can perhaps pick up that we can hand off, we can change, so that they can get back to their core mission and be effective in that core mission and not be spread so thin. I looked at ways to do this without a process. I don't think it can be done without a process. I could have introduced a bill, for example, to say that the State Patrol doesn't have to inspect school buses any more. Maybe there's another way to do that without a uniformed state trooper, but there are so many of those types of issues that we need to look at it as a package, we need to look at it with all the people who are affected, and I think it can be effectively addressed by using the University and the people who work there in these issues and consult nationally on it. There's money available if they want to bring in other national experts. This is not that much money to be able to bring this level of expertise, so I hope that you will support this bill so that we can move forward and help our leading law enforcement agency become more effective. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 153 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 153.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 153 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: LB 153A, Mr. President, by Senator Thompson. (Read