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All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 367.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The bill does advance. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Committee on Government reports LB 1126 to General File. I have a hearing notice from Appropriations Committee. Senator Matzke, an amendment to LB 482 to be printed.

Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1432-1445 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 360-363.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill is LB 725 introduced by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Urban Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, you are recognized to open on LB 725.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 725 was introduced at the request of the city of LaVista, which is in my district and is having significant problems dealing with statutes that govern their ability to regulate natural gas franchises in their zoning jurisdiction. LaVista is a very rapidly growing city. It had 10,000 people in 1990, and it has 12,806 today. It has under development over 300 acres of new housing right now. One of the things the city council and the mayor are committed to do is have orderly growth with comprehensive planning. We allow, as a state, city councils and mayors, through ordinances and other methods, to be able to regulate water, sewer, the roads, everything, but there is a gray area when it comes to natural gas, particularly in this part of the state. The statutes governing the Metropolitan