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LB 278.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 278 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 295 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Dwite Pedersen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to General Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0066, Legislative Journal page 375.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Dwite Pedersen, you're recognized to open on LB 295.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I introduced this bill last year and it was voted out of committee. Because of time, we weren't able to get it to the floor. This bill has to do with allowing Nebraska to join an interstate compact with the Horse Racing Commission. Five states are currently members, and legislation is pending in eleven additional states to allow them to join. People in the horse racing industry are very mobile, they travel frequently from state to state, and many owners and trainers have regional and national stables. Until the formation of the compact, each participant including owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, they all had to be separately licensed in each state. Allowing Nebraska to join the compact, what this bill would do, will eliminate this duplication and save time and expenses because of the commission. The commission is authorized to issue a national license for all participants in the horse racing with parimutuel wagering. The horse racing industry is unanimous in their supporting of this bill, that includes the breeders, the Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association, the tracks and the commission. And the cost of this would be absorbed by the State Racing Commission; there would be no fiscal note with it. I urge your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. To open on the committee amendments for LB 295, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, this amendment is actually LB 224, which is