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FLOOR DEBATE

February 13, 2001 LB 182, 337

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Debate on the advancement of LB 182? Senator Jones, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR JONES: I waive closing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jones waives closing. Question is the advancement of LB 182 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 182 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next bill, Mr. President, is LB 337, that is a bill that was introduced by Senators Schrock and Stuhr. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 8, referred to the Natural Resources Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on LB 337.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, on January 25, 2001, the Natural Resources Committee had a hearing on LB 337. I will brief you on what the bill contains. It extends the termination date of the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act, from October 2002 to October 2007, that's five years. This allows the Department of Environmental Quality to operate the litter reduction program and recycling grant program for an additional five years. The original program was created with the passage of LB 120, in 1979, approximately 21 years ago. It generally raises funds of about \$1 million a year; the funding source is an annual fee to manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers with gross annual sales of at least \$100,000 in products which commonly contribute to litter. The fee amount is \$175 per \$1 million of total sales. The fee is collected by the Department of Revenue and the grants may be political subdivisions, public and private entities and