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Legislature, I'd like to thank Senator McDonald for introducing this bill. I might remind people, I think this is his first bill on General File. There is two Reclamation Districts in the state of Nebraska, they are both in Senator McDonald's District and they started out at \$500 a year, in 1947, I believe, and have never had an increase. This puts the in line with our NRD boards and I think the bill is very appropriate. And really, we passed the bill last year that increased the NRD boards' salaries and compensation and it was really kind of an oversight that we didn't do this for the two Reclamation District boards. So I'm fully supportive of Senator McDonald's bill, but I may change my mind along the way.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Further debate on the advancement of LB 409? Senator McDonald, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR McDONALD: I think that it's important to remember that this project has advanced from a thought in 1947 to two Reclamation Districts that provide irrigation for about 120,000 acres, an enormous responsibility. And they're also responsible for the determination of recreation at these projects, too. So, with that in mind, I'd encourage advancement of LB 409. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator McDonald. The question is the advancement of LB 409. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 409.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 409 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 133, a bill by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0135, Legislative Journal page 442.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock,