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veterans to qualify for benefits offered by the state. I'd be...thank you, Mr. President. I'm willing to answer any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Debate on the advancement of LB 368? Senator Dierks, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, I appreciate your attention and I wish you would help advance this to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question is the advancement of LB 368 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 368, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 10 was introduced by Senator Dwite Pedersen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 4th, referred to the Government Committee; that committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM0238, Legislative Journal page 487.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Dwite Pedersen, you're recognized to open on LB 10.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. LB 10 was brought to me originally by the Silver-Haired Unicameral. LB 10, as originally written, asks that the responsibility for the four state veterans' homes be transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. I have introduced this bill twice before and am pleased to note that apparently people have been listening as the veterans who have appeared before this committee voiced their concern that the Department of Veterans' Affairs should be more directly involved in the day-to-day operation of the veterans' homes. The Governor has