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FLOOR DEBATE

April 30, 2001      LB 366, 435

vote aye; all those opposed vote nay.    Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK:    30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    The bill advances. We next move to LB 366. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK:    Mr. President, LB 366 was introduced by Senators Raikes and Hudkins. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 8, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. (AM0253, Legislative Journal page 555.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR RAIKES:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Lancaster County asked me to introduce this legislation. This is the second year I've done so. Last year I introduced LB 1365 which was identical to this year's LB 366. The Government Committee advanced both bills. This year's LB 366 as amended by committee applies only to zoned counties with a population of 100,000 or more, and Senator Schimek will shortly tell you about the committee amendments. Before she does that, I'd like to briefly tell you that the bill is sought for three reasons. One, first Nebraska statute does not require a building permit for farm buildings. Some counties, and Lancaster is one of them, have interpreted this to mean that the county cannot require a building permit for any building located on a farmstead, including a building used as a residence. In Lancaster County, and probably in other counties as well, homes on acreages are sometimes built without building permits. This means that the assessor doesn't know that the homes exist. If new residences aren't identified, then the tax system isn't operating fairly. Second, by requiring a building permit, those seeking to construct a residence would be required to follow the building codes established. This will provide for the construction of safe structures. Third, and maybe a more compelling reason for LB 366, is one involving emergency medical services. In Lancaster County, building permits are used to assign addresses.