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FLOOR DEBATE

May 22, 2001 LB 389, 851

of LB 851.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 2207.)
32 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 851.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 851 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, General
File, 2001 committee priority bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, General File priority bills, LB 389.
It's a bill introduced by Senator Bromm. (Read title.)
Introduced on January 8 of this year, at that time referred to
the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have
committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on
LB 389. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 389, which is a
committee priority bill, was introduced and came out of
committee with a committee amendment. And I have an amendment
to add a couple of things to the committee amendment when we get
to that. Let me give you the reason why (laugh).

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry about that.

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. President, could you hold it down.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. (Laughter) Take it under
advisement.

SENATOR BROMM: (Laugh) The bill was introduced in order to
provide some clarification for whether or not the Public Service
Commission could regulate wireless service providers in the
state. As the law has existed up until this bill, they could
not. But we have had recently a company by the name of Western
Wireless, a wireless company out of the state of Washington,
that was granted eligible telecommunication company status by
the Public Service Commission, making it eligible to draw from
the Nebraska Universal Service Fund in accordance with rules set
out by the commission. The Nebraska Universal Service Fund,
which is a fund that we all pay into, is to help provide subsidy