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SENATOR PRICE: Good morning, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I've had the Pages distribute a newspaper article which explains LB 616. You can read this later at your leisure. You can listen to me or you can read the story, but I'll give you a few words. Either way, this bill shouldn't take up much of your time. It simply would allow counties to help fund road maintenance projects in towns on roads that originate in the county. This is something that at least Lancaster County has been doing for at least 20 years or more, that is until last year when the Lancaster County Attorney's Office said this practice was illegal. One final point, although I introduce this bill on behalf of Lancaster County, it would give the same authority to all counties. So if you have any questions I would be happy to answer them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement of the bill? Seeing none, Senator Price, you're recognized to close. She waives the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 616. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Again, members, we don't have a bell. Please vote now. We're voting on the advancement of LB 616. Please vote if you care to. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 616 to E & R Initial, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. LB 547.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 547 was introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 11, referred to the Banking Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM0498, Legislative Journal page 692, First Session, 2001.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, a number of years ago we created a Fraud Unit inside the Department of Insurance. It has access to the Nebraska Criminal Code for the purpose of developing cases