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March 14, 2002 LB 932, 951

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bracket motion is not successful. The next vote is the advancement of LB 932.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction) Roll call vote in reverse order.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's been a request, by Senator Chambers, for a reverse order roll call. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 989.) 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 932.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 932 advances. LB 951.

CLERK: LB 951, Mr. President, by Senator Engel. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File.

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

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to give you some brief background on LB 951. The bill deals with the Department of Correctional Services and the braille work program. And this bill has, of course, the support of the...of the department and was passed out of the Government Committee with no...with no amendments. The...the fiscal bill...the fiscal note, there is none. In fact, it will, hopefully, generate added revenue for the Department of Correctional Services. And LB 951 makes narrow changes in existing statute that authorizes the braille work program. And although narrowly drawn, the bill would provide more opportunities for the Department of Correctional Services to produce and sell braille books and materials. The current statute provides that the department may sell braille products to any department, institution, or agency of the state of Nebraska, and any private individual, firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation. The bill would extend...extend the sale of braille product to agencies of other