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a deck, because they'd be in an open boat, and they had to man these oars. And the reason I say "man," that was the word. But they never had women doing this. And they would row. And this guy had been in that condition for about 20 years. And he was going to be released. And this was what he said: my very chains and I grew friends, so much a long communion tends to make us what we are that I relinquished my chains with a mournful sigh. It also shows that human beings can become accustomed to any condition, and a familiar condition, even if it's bad, is often preferred over a new one, because of the fear of the unknown, getting away from the familiar. In a sense, this legislation has been a chain, a millstone, an albatross, however it is to be characterized, that encumbered this state. And I applaud Senator Landis for doing this. I didn't think to do it sooner, to be quite honest. But I'm going to say that since Senator Landis lives in Lincoln, he's been Chairperson of the Banking Committee, I blame him for not having done it earlier. (Laugh) But I want to applaud him, because better late than never.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion? I do not see any lights on. Senator Landis, did you wish to close? Senator Landis waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 131 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 131. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 131.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 131 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: LB 215, by Senator Quandahl. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Quandahl to open on LB 215.