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SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The Business and Labor Committee introduced LB 194 on behalf of the Department of Labor. It's the same bill the committee introduced last session, LB 1167, which advanced without any opposition, but it died at the end of the session because we ran out of time. LB 194 makes a change to the makeup of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act that was adopted two years ago. It specifically amends the statute that created the state advisory board. The bill would clarify that state mayors of the metropolitan and primary class cities are required members of the State Workforce Investment Board, and that those mayors may send a designee to the meeting on their behalf. The designee would not be a voting member and would not be counted as a quorum. This change is requested simply so that the mayors of the state's largest cities, where a great deal of the work force investment work is centered, can remain as informed as possible about the program, even when their schedule prohibits them from attending meetings. As you can see, this is a very simple bill. It's a clean-up... a piece of clean-up legislation that's necessary for us to enact and, with that, I'd ask for your support to advance the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the opening on LB 194 to advance to E & R Initial. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Vrtiska, there are no senators wishing to speak at this time. Do you wish to close? He waives the opportunity to close. The question for the body is, shall LB 194 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 194. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 194.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 195, a bill by the Business and Labor Committee. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 10 of this year,