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the public or the parties that come to you have faith in you, you can do this function. By the way, this function is done by ministers, this function is done by retired judges, this function is done by people who are skilled communicators and good listeners, and it's not something that requires a two-year bachelor of education degree and passing a test. It has to do with being a trusted person who has the confidence and faith of two contending parties who are prepared to ask you into the process of resolving their differences. I'm glad to see at least one place the guild mentality is not keeping other people out and, in fact, there's a free-flowing availability of doing the mediation process. I'd ask for the advancement of LB 255.

SPEAKER BROMM: You've heard the closing. The question then is the advancement of LB 255 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 255.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 255 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 367 is a bill by Senator Janssen relating to the State Lottery Act. (Read title.) Bill was introduced January 14 of this year, referred to General Affairs, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM0731, Legislative Journal page 773.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on LB 367.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. LB 367 is a bill that is designed to help address the declining revenues provided to the Nebraska lottery, to the Excellence in Education, and Environmental Fund...Trust Fund, and the Compulsive Gamblers Fund. The state lottery has had a difficult time in maximizing payments that they make to these funds over the last five years. Without the recent record high Powerball jackpots and improved stocking techniques used by the lottery, there was a steady decrease in sales over the last five years. A decrease in the sales translates into