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ride permit statutes, which are administered by the Department of Labor, by changing the permit period from 12 months from the date of the inspection, to the period through December 31 of the same year in which the inspection was performed. Current statute states that an amusement ride is inspected once every 12 months. Herein is what the issue is about. It's the position of the Department of Labor that the best time for finding mechanical flaws in an amendment (sic) ride is when it's first placed into service in Nebraska during the amusement ride season. Nearly every...nearly all inspections occur in the month of March through September of each year. And under the current law, if an amendment (sic) ride is first inspected in September one year, it is not subject to reinspection until September of the following year. This change would ensure that the amusement rides are inspected prior to the first use each calendar year. Basically, that's what it does. It's a safety issue that the Department of Labor feels need to be enacted so that these rides can be inspected before the start of the season. As I was indicating before now, if they're inspected late in the year, they don't get inspected again late until the next year, and they've gone through a ride season. So this is a safety issue that needs to be enacted on. And I hope that I can get your support on advancing this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 947. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Vrtiska, there are no lights on. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 947 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 947. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 947.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 947 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: LB 950, Mr. President, by Senator Vrtiska and the Business and Labor Committee. (Read title.) The bill was