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with a subsidy through the Universal Service Fund, both the federal and state, it's called the Nebraska Lifeline Service Program, and I don't know why we let that get past us, but that's confusing for people with the Lifeline Service. The Lifeline Service is through the Health and Human Services and that, of course, is the electronic gizmo, if you'd call it that, worn by people that they press the button and it's an automatic dial into a telephone. That's the Lifeline Service. We called this other program Nebraska Lifeline Service Program that's administered through the PSC, Public Service Commission. The bill changes the name of that to Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program. And just to update you, right now that program provides a private line, a single line to a person who qualifies, \$10.50 per line, which is about half price, and that's funded through the Universal Service Fund, both on a state and federal level. So the one part, as I say, is to get us in harmony with what we did to the recodification of the statutes in LB 1105. The second part is just a name change. I would urge your adoption and advancement of LB 1004. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 1004. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Baker, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1004 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion to advance vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1004. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Have you all...have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1004 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next bill before the body is LB 1002. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 1002 was introduced by Senator Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 12 of this year, referred to the Agriculture Committee. The bill was reported to General File with no committee amendments.