

question is the advancement of LB 35. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 35, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 36, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 36, introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was originally introduced on January 5, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, again, another housekeeping bill for the Public Service Commission. This particular bill would repeal Sections 88-601 to 88-616. The purpose of this act or this particular bill is to repeal some outdated language. Currently, under law the Public Service Commission is to regulate and to inspect grain facilities on farms across the State of Nebraska. This has been in effect for about the last 25 years but has not been used nor has there been any particular requests that have come in for the Public Service Commission to come out and to check to make sure that grain is being stored in those particular facilities. For those of you that are farmers, you are aware that the loan program through the ASCS office and the federal farm bill provides that the ASCS must come out and inspect your grain facility prior to receiving a loan from the ASCS to make sure that, one, to try and approximate how many bushels are in the bin, make sure that the grain is of substantial proper quality. And so, rather than duplicate this service that is now being done by the ASCS office and the federal government, we are simply asking to repeal these sections. As I said, it is not an activity that the Public Service Commission does currently. It has not been an activity that's been requested of the Public Service Commission for some 25 years and so rather than have this remain on the books and potentially open the state for potential liability and a lawsuit, the Public Service Commission would like to be relieved of this particular duty and would ask that the statutes be repealed and that's what this bill does.