

requires that all vaccinated domestic animals which bite people, or cause a raise in the skin, be confined for a period of 10 days. This bill then will exempt those dogs that are employed by police or military agencies from confinement requirements of these state rabies laws if this dog bites someone during the course of its activity, training or its duties. Need for the bill was brought to us by local police authorities. They pointed out that dogs will sometimes bite a trainer through the sleeves, the protective sleeves that the trainers are using at the time of the training and/or even may bite the perpetrator during some of its duties. Technically, the dog must then immediately be confined for 10 days, and this really isn't necessary. These animals are all rabies vaccinated and they are all under supervision at all times anyway. So what we are asking is that we eliminate that part of the rabies law to allow these police dogs to continue in their normal course of duty. It is important to note that this exemption only applies to bites related to duties or training. An agency may still confine the dog, if they deem it necessary. Also there is an examination requirement if the dog dies within 15 days of the bite. I would urge your passing this bill along to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Any discussion on the bill offered by Senator Dierks? Any final comment, Senator Dierks? There are no lights on.

SENATOR DIERKS: Just pass.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. We'll proceed then to the question which is the advancement of LB 51 to E & R. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 51.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 51 is advanced. That concludes General File discussion this morning. Any announcements, messages on the President's desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir, there are. Your Committee on Judiciary, whose Chair is Senator Chizek, to whom was referred LB 229, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be placed on General File; LB 230 to General File; LB 232 to General File; LB 233, General File with