

any kind of a refund must be paid, the State Treasurer has to sign off on the...sign off and certify that he or she has received the money in question. That is the process right now. What this bill does is it says that the Director of DAS would be authorized to issue the refund warrants directly, without the treasurer's certification. And the State Treasurer's office came in and testified for this bill because they said they have no knowledge of the monies that came in anyway. They just...it's just simply a clerical function where they have to bring that over to them, they have to sign off on it and certify it, but they have no knowledge that the money...about the monies or the refunds as it comes in. So they simply have to sign off on it. This way...this does not eliminate any checks because there is not a check involved in this process, because the treasurer is not knowledgeable on that issue anyway. They just simply have to sign the form. This would say that DAS, who does have knowledge of the refunds, would be the person that authorizes the refund. With that, I would just urge advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Any questions? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of 547 (sic) to E & R Initial please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall LB 546 be advanced? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 546.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 546 is advanced. The Chair is pleased to take a moment to announce that we have some guests from Phelps County, Elm Creek, Nebraska, R4 specifically. We have 8 seventh and eighth graders visiting us in the north balcony this morning with their teacher. Would you people please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you, we are pleased to have you with us. Next bill, Mr. Clerk, LB 87.

CLERK: LB 87, Mr. President, is a bill introduced by Senator Pirsch. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, I do have an amendment from yourself. I don't know if you want to take that up at this time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: No, we'll take it up on Select.

CLERK: Okay. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.