

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have passed around some information about LB 482 and for your perusal. We originally, the intent of this bill is to attract limited partnerships to file their original certificates and organize in Nebraska. The fee presently is \$10, and it is now \$200. Since the mid-1960's the use of limited partnerships has grown very substantially in the United States. Currently billions of dollars are raised each year through the use of limited partnerships. Several Nebraska based firms have raised substantial monies through the sale of limited partnership interests. The America First Company's have, for example, raised over 1 billion in capital for limited partnerships they have sponsored over the past several years. Limited partnerships come in many forms. There are the limited partnerships that are organized by several individuals to engage in an active trade or business. The more recent use of limited partnerships is as an investment vehicle for real estate, oil, gas exploration and production, equipment leasing, research and development and other investment activities. Recently several mutual funds organized as limited partnerships. Due to the tax attributes of limited partnerships, tax shelter programs were frequently organized as limited partnerships. The use of limited partnerships has been severely limited in recent years as a result of changes in the tax laws. Investment oriented limited partnerships may either be public or private. Usually the private partnerships attract wealthy individuals and institutions who can invest an amount, usually in the range of 10,000 to 200,000 over one or more years. Public partnerships attract investors who invest smaller amounts, usually with a minimum investment in the 2 to 5,000 range. Public partnerships may or may not be publicly traded on the stock exchange after they are organized. Generally, public partnerships that are also publicly traded are referred to as master limited partnerships. The organizational structure of limited partnerships has evolved substantially over the past decade. For example, it was less than 10 years ago that the first publicly limited partnership was organized. What we are trying to do is to make these kinds of partnerships available in Nebraska, attracted to Nebraska, and also further our economic development. With that, I move the advancement of LB 482.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are no lights on, Senator Pirsch, would you like to close? Senator Pirsch waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 482. Those in favor vote aye, those