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or any combination of duties of any such offices or employments. It simply clarifies and makes it distinct that it's perfectly all right to bring these offices together and the duties and arrange them in the best manner for their city, and that is what the content of this bill is all about.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Weihing. There are no lights on. You're recognized to close if you wish.

SENATOR WEIHING: I waive the closing and move that the bill be passed.

SENATOR LANDIS: The question is the advancement of LB 756. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. We're approaching two minutes on the vote on this measure. The Clerk will record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Let's move on, because that bill passes, to LB 206 introduced by Lowell Johnson. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 206 was introduced by Senator Lowell Johnson. (Title read.) The bill was read for the first time on January 9. It was referred to the Government Committee and was reported to General File.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 206 addresses fees involving collection agencies in the State of Nebraska. The 105 collection agencies in this state are licensed by a board which is administered by our Secretary of State. There are fees for initial licenses, renewal of licenses, investigations, licensing of solicitors and others. Those fees in existence now were set in 1976 and have not been changed since that time. LB 206 would allow that fees be set at rates which will cover the cost of operating the collection agency. The yearly expenditures of the collection agency has been just under \$14,000 per year while the revenues received has been under \$10,000. The collection agency operates only on its cash funds and it is necessary then to adjust the fees to support the expenditures. LB 206 would allow the