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LB 95, 780

of LB 780 to E & R Initial please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 780.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 780 is advanced. LB 95.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 95 was a bill introduced by Senator Landis. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Urban Affairs Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this came up faster than I thought it was. I'm having a handout passed out, but the committee amendments really become the bill and so I'll just, if I can wait, is that they...what the bill did, its original purpose had brought to the Urban Affairs Committee by Senator Landis and it was voted out of committee, with all the people who were there when we've had Exec Session, unanimously. That it...it's to (inaudible) construction of an intra, intrastate, within the state natural gas pipeline to serve Nebraska's only primary class city which is Lincoln. It relates only to Lincoln. It provides the regulation of that pipeline by the City of Lincoln and it follows what we did a few years ago, or last year, with LB 663, and what the amendments do, there is a couple of things. It allows the...place a regulation by the city into the Municipal Natural Gas Regulation Act and provides a framework for the regulation and the manner in which savings are passed onto customers and monitor. This process would become part of the regulatory system adopted by the Legislature in LB 663 two years ago. In response to a question raised at the public hearing on the bill, it seeks to clarify the intent of the Legislature that natural gas regulations is not within the authority or jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. It is historically within this state natural gas regulation has been the prominence of cities and this simply spells this out again that the City of Lincoln will control this. The amendment was a product of a series of negotiation between the Urban Affairs Committee and staff of Senator Landis's office and members of the natural gas industry, and I think that is an explanation on the amendment. The