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LB 161, 630

Mr. President, I would ask the body's unanimous consent to bracket the bill until next year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the request to bracket until January 1 of 1990, the unanimous consent request. If there are no objections, so be it. The bill is bracketed. The next bill, Mr. Clerk, one...excuse me, LB 630.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 630 was a bill that was introduced by the Business and Labor Committee and signed by its membership. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Business and Labor, advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 630 was brought to the Business and Labor Committee by the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor has the responsibility for inspecting freight and passenger elevators in the State of Nebraska. This is not grain type elevators we are talking about, but rather passenger and freight elevators. Several years ago there was a bill enacted that defined the freight and passenger elevators and further required that the Commissioner of Labor was to adopt by regulation the most recent version of the American National Standard Safety Code for elevator inspection. And what has happened with the past several years is that this code is revised nearly annually, and we find that the problem that exist with the elevator inspectors from the Department of Labor that go out are using rules and regulations because of the lag time in adopting new rules and regulations that are not the most current. So LB 630 would change the statute basically to say that the rules and regulations may conform generally to the standard found in the American National Safety Code as published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. It would remove from law the requirement for a public hearing every time there was a change in the national code. So it would speed the process up, wouldn't change anything, and would allow the Department of Labor to use the most recent safety standards in inspecting freight and passenger elevators in the State of Nebraska. With that, I would move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, thank you. The question is, shall LB 630 be advanced to E & R. Those in favor