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LB 289, 586 .

Nebraska and their teacher. Would you people please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased that you could take the time to visit us this morning. Anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit has amendments to LB 289 to be printed. (Amendment printed separately from the Journal and on file in the Bill Room.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. LB 586.

CLERK: Mr. President, 586 was a bill that was introduced by the Judiciary Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, referred to the Judiciary Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Chizek, for the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, LB 586 was designed to provide a temporary solution to the problems of case overload with the Supreme Court. The committee, of course, as you know, introduced the bill at the request of the court. As introduced, testimony at the hearings expressed concern that the temporary solution of LB 586 would become permanent. Consequently, the committee amendment, on page 1138 of the Journal, advances the sunset date in the bill to December 31, 1990. And I have a letter from Chief Justice William Hastings, who says that in the event the measures relating to the appeals process pass their final test before the full Legislature I, and other members of the court, have a job to draft satisfactory legislation for a permanent appeals court, as well as to construct an informative process to be sure that all people would be aware, because as this goes on it will require a constitutional amendment. And, with that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for adoption of the amendment that just moves up the sunset date.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support the committee amendment. Basically what the amendment does is, if you like the bill, you'll like the amendment even better. Originally this act is to go to December 31 of 1991, this would just move it back one year to