

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The next item of business is LB 409 introduced by Senators Barrett and Hefner, the Nebraska Small Business Incubator Act, and the Chair would recognize Senator Barrett on this action. Senator Barrett, to introduce LB 409.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 409, as you indicated, was introduced by the Speaker and Senator Hefner. (Title read.) The bill was referred to Government Committee, advanced to General File. Mr. Speaker, I have amendments. Do you wish to take those up at this time?

SPEAKER BARRETT: I think so, Mr. Clerk. Let me just very briefly state what the bill does, then I'd like to go to the amendment. Is that all right with the Chair?

SENATOR LANDIS: The Chair would accept a statement of the bill and then move to the motion on the amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President and members, 409 is a bill, it's a carryover bill which was held by the Government Committee last year for some additional work. It establishes the Nebraska Small Business Incubator Act. Basically, under that particular concept, vacant or partially vacant public buildings can be transformed into places where a number of businesses can collaborate and cooperate into places where they can start up their expansion services and cooperate with copy machines, utilities and that sort of thing. But more specifically, the Government Committee had some concerns with it last year. We agreed to hold the bill over and rework it. This summer there was another hearing on it and at this point I am very, very satisfied with the end result as is the Government Committee. The counsel for the Government Committee has done an exceptional job of helping rework the bill. The committee amendments themselves to 409 essentially are the bill and I think you've got a very, very good explanation, if I could call the body's attention to the summary which I passed out, Mr. President. You'll see that the original bill was drafted to apply only to state-owned buildings. The primary intent of the major amendment is to make it clear that the bill applies to any public buildings, on the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, since we're now moving to the amendments, the Chair would need a piece of action before it. Would you move to adopt the committee amendments and then take