

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is a very, very simple bill. It just...all it says is that for high schools, they may not use foreign exchange students when they are calculating their student membership as far as whether or not that high school can stay open. We have in the statute books, if a high school falls below 25 students for three consecutive years they will be closed by the state. Some high schools have abused that privilege by counting foreign exchange students in their count for keeping the count above the 25 students. This would prohibit that. It doesn't address any of the other things that are used for foreign exchange students, only this one section of statute calling for the count for membership for staying open. With that, I would just urge the body to advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of LB 1037 please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1037.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1037 advances. LB 1067.

CLERK: 1067 offered by the Health and Human Services Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) It was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, this is an unusual, unique piece of legislation because what it does is actually eliminate a bureaucratic entity in government, hard to believe, but there is an advisory committee to DPI, the Department of Correctional Services, that asked that it self-destruct, that it not continue and that it felt it was no longer serving its original intent and so this bill would eliminate that advisory committee. In addition, another advisory committee formed back in '79 with a bill that I was a co-sponsor of would also be eliminated dealing with an advisory committee for older Nebraskans. Since that particular committee was formed before