SPEAKER BARRETT: Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this, as was stated by the Clerk, would amend the Nebraska Public Transportation Act, allowing municipalities or counties to contract with school districts, public school districts to use school buses for emergency evacuation of members of the public by qualified law enforcement personnel during an emergency or crisis situation which threatens the public's safety or well-being.   The contract must require the county or municipality to be liable for costs, maintenance, operation, insurance and other reasonable expenses.   Schools are relieved of liability for damage of personal property.   Schools are not required to alter vehicles and so forth. At the present time we have...special ed people are able to transport this way, and so are elderly. So this would just expand it to counties, and it's permissive...counties and municipalities, and it's simply permissive legislation for a contract between the school district and the counties.   So, with that, I'd ask for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of LB 1086 vote yes, opposed no. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1086.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1086 advances. LB 1216.

CLERK: LB 1216, Mr. President, was a bill introduced by Senator Baack.   (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to Government, advanced to General File.   I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is another very simple bill, but it is a very important one, because it does provide the Veterans Home Building Fund, as presently in statute, was put into statute, and the only purpose they could use that fund for was for the building of new nursing facilities in this state. This would allow for them to use these funds for either the building of nursing facilities, or improving those