

prerogative. We shouldn't have to go to the executive branch for permission. So the purpose of the bill is to place the authority for approval of these expense payments, in cases where individuals involved are assisting this Legislature, with the Executive Board instead of the Governor. It's that simple. That's the only change, the expenses still...must still be allowable as they are under current law, and the appropriation must have been made specifically for that purpose. That, essentially, is the bill. I would move for its advancement.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Barrett. We're voting on...there are no further lights, Senator Barrett. We're voting on the advancement to E & R initial of LB 1032. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 1032.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 1032 is advanced. Before we go on with further business, I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Byars. Terry Volkman from Beatrice, Nebraska, under the south balcony. Please welcome Terry to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 1236 was a bill introduced by Senator Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the General Affairs Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, you want to offer your amendment at this time?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

CLERK: Senator Smith would move to amend her bill, Mr. President. The amendment is on page 878 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment is basically clarifying and harmonizing, and it does a few things. Number one, it harmonizes Sections 51.211 and 51...I should say "dash" 212. And that way there will be no conflict between the two provisions in the first part of it. And then when you go down to line 18, number 2, it was a