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bill. It has been indicated, Senator Warner, there may need to be some adjustments, if so, we will take a look at it on Select File, and that is all I have to say at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We will move on to LB 1113.

ASSISTANT CLERK: With respect to 1113, Mr. President, the bill was introduced by Senators Wesely, Schimek and Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time...was referred to Judiciary Committee. They report the bill to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, did you wish to begin.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President. Let me begin on the bill, and then there is an amendment to clarify some provisions of it. LB 1113 is a bill Senator Schimek, Senator Chambers and I have introduced to deal with a couple, three items dealing with housing, first the Nebraska Fair Housing Act would be established. Essentially, all we're doing here is implementing what the federal government has already passed in terms of amendments to Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act. This amendment, adopted about a year and a half ago, something like that, changed discrimination provisions in the federal law, which the states must comply with, to include two additional items that had previously been not part of discrimination action. First deals with handicaps, and this would apply to mental and physical handicaps. So those that are mentally ill could no longer be discriminated against in terms of housing, the mentally retarded as well, or the physically handicapped, those that are disabled physically would no longer be able to be discriminated against by individuals in terms of housing. In addition, family status would be added to the list of those items which no longer could be discriminated against. And family status, what we're talking about there would be discrimination against children, for instance, has been a problem where individuals would not allow a family with children to come into a rental unit, for instance, that would no longer