

February 7, 1991 LB 118
 LR 26

no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 26 as offered by Senator Pirsch.

SPEAKER BAACK: LR 26 is adopted. I would like to announce a couple of other guests of the Legislature. They are J. Owen-Nauslar, the Director of Health and Physical Education for the Department of Public Education, and Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, who is the President of Board of Governors of Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, and these people are under the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. We will pass over LB 142, Senator Johnson is at the doctor's office, and we will also pass over LB 75, I don't think Senator Hartnett is here yet, we will proceed...also at a doctor's appointment, we will proceed to...kind of not a very healthy group here. We will proceed now to LB 118 with Senator Schimek.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 118 introduced by Senators Schimek, Conway, and Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 and referred to the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, this bill is an errors and omissions insurance bill for real estate salespersons and brokers, who are active, and the requirement would be that they would have...that all of these brokers and salespersons have insurance after January 1 of 1993. The commission would actually make the insurance available to licensees and they...however, they could independently buy insurance if they wanted to. Now there is a proviso in the bill that says if this insurance cost would go over \$100 per year, then the bill, for all practical purposes, would not be in effect. This bill was brought to me by the Real Estate Commission and they had studied this issue. There are several other states that have this requirement. One of them is Kentucky which has this, and the total yearly cost in Kentucky for a real estate agent is about \$69. If this goes into effect, it would probably actually save money for some of those brokers and salespersons out there who now buy that insurance on their