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the customer's option. And, finally, the Attorney General is authorized to enforce the act and LB 96 also requires invention developers to be bonded. What is tragic is that many of the services these developers purport to perform can be obtained for free. The Nebraska Technical Assistance Center at the University of Nebraska Engineering Library can perform patent searches at no cost. Additionally, our Nebraska Business Development Centers can offer help in commercializing an idea. There are also capable groups and attorneys, patent attorneys, that is, located right here in Nebraska, which specialize in helping. Unfortunately, many inventors get sidetracked wasting their time, money, and energy on what usually amounts to a dead end. Each time that happens, another inventor is discouraged and a certain amount of our state's intellectual energy is lost. It is possible that Nebraska is foregoing precious economic opportunities when the ideas of our resourceful citizens are pilfered away. I ask you to advance LB 96.

SPEAKER BAACK: Anyone wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 96? Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I would like to voice my support for this bill. Speaking from a personal experience, I would not want others to go through such. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Anyone else wishing to discuss LB 96? Seeing none, Senator Lowell Johnson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I'd move for advancement, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard the closing and we will now vote on the advancement of LB 96. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 96 is advanced. Noting that Senator Hartnett has returned, we will go back to LB 75, the second bill on General File today. Senator Hartnett, or, Mr. Clerk, LB 75.