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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, members of the body, to hopefully help Senator Conway a little bit, as one of the Sarpy County senators, as I understand the bill it's simply that the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners made a determination that they can more effectively and efficiently organize their budget making process by having a budget officer as opposed to assigning this to the county clerk or there's not a county comptroller and there's not a county manager, but they think the budget making process can be handled more expeditiously by having a budget officer in the county. Questionable as to whether that is, there's legal authority to do that and they are in here seeking legal authority. I guess I would argue that if a group of, a county board in its wisdom feels that its budget making process can be handled more fairly, expeditiously by having some other qualified person other than the clerk or comptroller prepare that budget, that would be a proper sort of thing to do. County boards, as we all know, are not in the business of going out and foolishly spending taxpayers' money. They are trying to get the best bang for the buck and if they think getting some expertise in helping to do that, as they have in Sarpy County, is the right way to go, then I think it's a good idea and I think it's a good bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Seeing no one else wishing to debate this motion, Senator Conway, do you have closing?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President, I think the issue has been thoroughly discussed. It is a minor change and been discussed by, particularly by Senator Withem, I think in a proper light, so with that I would just move its advancement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. We'll proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 178. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 178.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Motion is adopted and LB 178 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 114.