

covered and this bill will apply. It's a bill that received a considerable amount of support in committee and Senator Byars was not able to be here this morning to submit this bill but the committee found it to be in good shape. And, with that, I would ask for its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Seeing no one wishing to debate this issue, we will proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 393. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 393.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 393 is advanced. I will now direct your attention again to the area under the north balcony. A special guest today of Senator Kristensen is Pastor Norman Nelson from Minden. Pastor Nelson, please rise and be recognized, and welcome. Proceed with LB 356.

CLERK: LB 356, Madam President, was introduced by the Agriculture Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16, referred to the Ag Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 356 is the first of three technical clean-up bills brought before the Ag Committee by the State Department of Agriculture. LB 356, supported both by the department and the industry, updates the Weights and Measures Act, improves the department's ability to enforce the provisions of this act. And the bill was advanced by the committee by unanimous vote with no amendments. Present law requires that the department, to regulate the commercial use of weighing and measuring devices, the bill establishes a one-time operator's fee of \$5 to be used by the department for the partial cost of enforcement and of the development of data processing for a permit system. LB 356 reflects an accumulation of corrections collected over the past 15 years of regulatory activity. Many of the changes contained in 356 were presented to the Legislature in LB 39 in 1989, however the bill did not advance in time for consideration before the full body. These problems have since been worked out