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LB 316, 648

SENATOR HARTNETT: Correct. It just clarifies it.

SENATOR NELSON: Okay, just hope they register their car in Nebraska then. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Do you have a closing, Senator Hartnett? Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 316. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the advancement of LB 316? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 316 is advanced. LB 648.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 648 was introduced by Senators Smith, Crosby, Nelson, Hillman, Chambers, Robak, Rasmussen, Labeledz and Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on the 23rd of January. It was referred to the Government Committee which reported the bill to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, LB 648 is a bill that will update the statute to reflect the current role of the Commission on the Status of Women. The bill amends only one section of the statute, that section that states the purpose of the Women's Commission. It has not been amended since the statute was first adopted in 1971. That is 20 years ago and I would just read to you that the statute as it now stands is outdated in its purpose and basically what it says is that the purpose of the commission shall be to emphasize studying the changing and developing roles of women, and we believe that we've gone beyond that point with the commission and so what I'm asking is simply that we update so that it becomes current. Besides women, it adds the issue of their families as the focus of the commission's duties and this is really the primary purpose of the bill. It also talks about the fact that we look beyond saying develop the individual's potential and we look at the responsibilities of women. It allows the commission to promote policies to implement programs and services listed in the statute section in order to continue