

March 12, 1991

LB 335, 358

you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 335.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 335 is advanced. LB 358.

CLERK: LB 358 introduced by the Agriculture Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16, referred to the Ag Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, LB 358 was brought to the Ag Committee as a general housekeeping measure by the State Department of Agriculture and it was advanced without amendments. While many of the changes are intended to clarify actions taken by the department and the regulated entities, particularly food establishments, they remain important technical corrections by existing law. Also, the bill is intended to update current law by eliminating certain testing due to the nonexistence of swine brucellosis in the state. Additionally, the bill makes several clarifications as to the Nebraska Pure Food Act in order to provide permit holders better knowledge of what is required of them regarding hand washing facilities, restrooms, storage of toxic material. An important addition to the Nebraska Pure Food Act can be found under Section 39 which does create a penalty fee for certain food establishments. This section states if a food establishment or vending machine operator has been in operation prior to applying for a permit, the applicant shall pay an additional fee of \$50. This is intended as an enforcement tool to be used by the department in regulation of these food establishments and the bill also attempts to provide permit holders a more defined and detailed due process under the Pure Food Act and, Madam Speaker, I move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Does anyone wish to speak on this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing? Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 358. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.