

to equalize the districts under the production of wheat in the various counties of Nebraska. As you can see, we have seven members on the board, they would be elected or appointed from those districts. And, as you can see, we tried, as best we could, to have an equal balance of production on the basis of those who will be on the board. It just simply makes adjustments to the fact that wheat, obviously, is grown, for the most part, in the Panhandle and southwestern and northcentral part of our state, as well as the southeastern part of the state, and that's why the board is represented the way it is. It is not an attempt to try and dislodge any member from the board. We have been doing a study for a couple of years. In the Agriculture Committee, when I was chair of that committee, we had some problems with the makeup of the board. This is not a reflection of trying to dislodge any of those members. As you can see, the bill was supported both by the Nebraska Wheat Growers and the Nebraska Farm Bureau, who have been at odds on this issue for a number of years. And I think this bill is a, hopefully, a compromise that diametrically opposed groups can agree upon. So I would move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Is there discussion on the bill? Seeing none, Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 685. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 685.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 685 advances. We'll go to LB 368.

CLERK: LB 368, introduced by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Introduced on January 17, referred to Banking, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the purpose of this bill is to allow the State Treasurer to be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Nebraska Investment Council. As most of you probably remember, the Nebraska Investment Council was established in 1969, and it centralizes the investments of all state funds and types of investments that might be made. The council hires an investment officer,