

the employee stock option program is one that's internal to the corporation and not part of the open marketplace, which is why special rules are justified. First, we move it over to the exempt transactions list. Secondly, since this is all done internally and because Nebraska law does not permit it, the director says, you know, the officers who are doing and administering this probably aren't agents and brokers under our securities law. They're not holding themselves out to the general public, they're not doing these transactions with an unknown buyer and seller in which the state then stands in as a representative, they're doing it for their own employees. Let us exempt, in the employee stock option situation, officers of a corporation from the agent broker...I'm sorry, the broker-dealer and the agent registration requirements. This applies in the event no commissions are given to the officers. And it's strictly an in-house procedure. Should there be a commission exchange for this kind of transaction, then the broker-dealer registration would have to be done and the agent registration would have to be done. In conclusion, LB 758 lays out a method by which a company can do an employee stock option program without going through costly registration procedures for its officers in the administration of what's basically an in-house operation anyway. I would urge for its advancement.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 758? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Landis? He waives closing. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 758. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 758. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 758.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 758 advances. As I announced earlier, LB 446 has been taken off the agenda. We will go to LB 434.

CLERK: LB 434, introduced by Senator Chizek. (Read title.) Introduced on January 18 of last year, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President, colleagues, this bill was