

hearing. And I know Senator Warner, as Chairman of the Executive Board, we just visited, and the bill, wherever it's referenced, we would like to have a hearing on it. So don't worry about it being suspended and going directly to General File. But the bill, I've handed out a statement of intent. What it is, is the Athletic Commission, the bill would eliminate the Athletic Commission as a state agency. The Athletic Commission regulates boxing and wrestling in the State of Nebraska. It's been paid for by receipts...by receipts from the gate tax or fees paid by events. We've also handed out a history of those receipts, and quite frankly in recent years there's not been adequate receipts to cash fund the agency. You may remember last year in our early deficit bill there was a General Fund emergency appropriation to allow that agency to survive for that biennium. In our present LB 1022 there is a \$28,000 General Fund appropriation which would get that agency through the fiscal year we are now in. And, quite honestly, the time has come we need to make a decision to General Fund this agency and start, you know, putting...not sizable, it's not that big an agency, I wouldn't call it sizable amount of General Fund support, but continue to put General Funds into this agency to keep it afloat, or to do away with it. And this bill actually is to do away with the Athletic Commission. And it would...it does away with it as a state agency, maintains the statutes governing those events, and transfers the...the...the ability to regulate those to local government, which...so the state statute would still be there, the number of rounds, and the doctor's ability to stop the fight, things like that. But the local governing body would also be granted the authority to cover the gate fee that would cover their own expenses at that point in time. So, as I said, this bill, as introduced, is intended to have hearing, so we can discuss the best way to move forward with this. Obviously, if something happens and the bill does not advance, it will take at least a \$25,000 appropriation for the second year of the fiscal year, which is not in the proposed budget at this time. So that is the bill. I'd also like to use this opportunity to just dis...passed out on your desk is the...I don't know what, aqua blue, I don't know what color we want to use, turquoise, excuse me, turquoise, a turquoise document which is basically the committee's recommendation. And I will...the committee will turn into the Speaker actually five bills to become part of the Appropriations Committee package. LB 1022 is the major bill, and 1022 was originally introduced by Speaker Baack for the Governor. That is the Governor's budget bill. Also LB 1268 is a bill introduced by myself, which is a