

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 86 is a bill brought to me by the City of Lincoln. They are a self-funded plan and would like the chance to utilize accrued interest off of the plan to support a wellness program, they think it will have a long-term benefit to the employees as well as a financial advantage, and they would like that opportunity but are not allowed to under the law currently. So this bill will simply allow for them to have that option as well as any other political subdivision that self-funds their insurance plan. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for your support for the advancement of LB 86.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Any discussion? Senator Wesely, there's no discussion. Closing has been waived. Question is, shall LB 86 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 86 is advanced. LB 144.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 144 was introduced by Senator Vrtiska and a number of members. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 6, referred to the Banking Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the committee added a sunset provision for January 1, the year 2000 for this idea which is the Partnerships for Economic Development Act. The amendment was adopted unanimously and the bill was advanced 7-1 and I'm sure that Senator Vrtiska and others will explain the measure. But we put the sunset provision on there to see whether or not, how the program was working and also to see whether or not a priority setting system should be adopted at that point and that is what the amendment is about and I would urge its adoption and then Senator Vrtiska can get on to explain his bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Landis. Debate on the committee amendment. Senator Wesely.