

January 31, 1995 LB 64, 343

CLERK: 28 ayes. 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 343.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 343 advances. Senator Lindsay and I just had a discussion about LB 234 which is a bill that failed to advance last time. There was considerable discussion on that last time it was debated. It is my opinion that it probably would not be disposed of in the next 19 minutes, so for that reason, unless there is real strenuous objection, I think we'll pass over that bill today. It will be on the top of General File next time which will probably be tomorrow and proceed then to debate LB 64.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 64, a bill introduced by Senator Schmitt. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: No amendments to the bill. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, LB 64 was introduced at the request of the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and what this bill would do is it would allow application for admissions to a Nebraska Veterans Home to be processed by any county veterans service officer. Admission to the Nebraska Veterans Home is on a first come, first served basis for eligible veterans. Currently an admissions application can be signed only by the veterans service officer in the applicant's county of residence. The change in LB 64 would speed the process and eliminate delays in those cases where the applicant is ill and unable to retain to his or her county of residence. It would also eliminate the delay when applications are filled out and mailed to the county veterans service officer for his signature. The bill also clarifies that medical records can be assembled and evaluated by the county veterans service officer as part of the application process. Basically what this would do, it would speed up the process and allow better access for the veterans to the homes. With that I would just the advancement of LB 64. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Fisher, excuse me, Senator Schmitt. Getting flustered here getting ready to introduce some guests of the Legislature, Senator Fisher, be with you in a