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Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I'll withdraw that, withdraw that.

CLERK: I have nothing on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Nothing further on the bill, Senator Maurstad, would you make your motion for advancement please.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker, I would move to advance LB 20 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is debatable. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we all know that business in Nebraska is generally very good and the people who run business are very balanced and generally thoughtful people and very generous people, in terms of their attitude towards the community. But I wanted to tell you a story about a fellow, actually described as a Yuppie, in California who had been involved in a car accident, very bad car accident, and when the emergency workers got there, they dragged him out of the totaled Mercedes, and he was all bloodied, and they pulled him out of the car, and he said, he kept talking about the Mercedes, about the seats that had been ripped up that he had just customized, and the fact that the fenders had been totally smashed. And the emergency worker said, Mr., you shouldn't be worrying about this Mercedes, you shouldn't be worrying about these materialistic things because you are in bad shape. But he went on about the Mercedes, and finally the emergency worker shook him and he said, buddy, you are in bad shape, your left arm has been ripped off. And the guy looked at his left arm and he said, my Rolex, my Rolex. And it is kind of a story to me of greed turned to obsession, and this bill is perhaps a situation where the will to make things profitable has turned into a kind of obsession, and it borders on an overreaching of sorts, which I think this Legislature has a responsibility to say something about. If you are going to go and induce migration, snatch willing bodies from Texas and bring them up here, if those bodies end up on the Nebraska welfare system in large numbers, then that is something that I think we ought to say we do not want to happen, and we want programs tailored in such a way that it does not happen because that is