

your closing. We'll proceed now to a vote on the measure and the advancement of 424. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill to E & R Initial.

SENATOR LANDIS: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 87, introduced by Senator Crosby.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 87 was introduced by Senators Crosby and Preister. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 5th of this year, referred to the Ag Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are no committee amendments so we'll proceed directly to this bill's introducer. Senator Crosby, on LB 87.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, I am bringing to you LB 87, my prairie dog bill. I have been waiting for this for three years to get this bill through the floor. They're reluctant little people, they're out...those little prairie dogs. But there's two reasons for me bringing this bill but first I will tell you, it does one thing and one thing only. It takes away the November 1st date each year that all the prairie dogs are supposed to be killed. Now, there was a reason for that and the reason is still there. Ranchers and farmers, the holes may cause a horse to step in the hole, break a leg, or cattle or whatever, and that was the reason for the date. But my bill doesn't say that you may not kill the prairie dogs, all it does is take away the date. There are...a friend of mine brought me this bill originally because he had seen a prairie dog school in eastern Wyoming and when he came back to Nebraska he talked to Game and Parks and other people and said he thought it would be really neat if Nebraska could have a prairie dog school someplace in the park system or somewhere. He was told about this statute that says they all have to be dead by November 1st, and, you see, so the little prairie dogs, to be legal, if we try to have a school of prairie dogs, we have to get rid of that date. The other thing, I do believe there is a prairie dog school out at Scottsbluff, and people at the zoo, people have told me that there is one there. But, you see, it would have to be contained because prairie dogs can't read. If