

March 30, 1995            LB 372, 381

CLERK:    25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam Presiden', on the advancement of 372.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    LB 372 advances.    LB 381.

CLERK:    LB 381, a bill introduced by Senators Lynch, Schmitt, and Schmitt, excuse me. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    The Chair recognizes Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT:    Yes, Madam President, members, LB 381 was introduced, came through the Government Committee, no opposition to it. What this bill does, it redirects funds which are by statute routed to the Transportation Service Bureau in the Department of Administrative Services and they allocate them to the Nebraska State Patrol Cash Fund. Currently, the State Patrol requests and receives funds through the legislative appropriations process to purchase their patrol cars and other agency vehicles. After the vehicles have been used for a period of time and reach a certain mileage they are then sold at state surplus auction. The funds derived from those sales now go to the Transportation Service Bureau. LB 381 would establish a Nebraska State Patrol Vehicle Cash Fund. Money from the sales of their surplus vehicles would then be directed into this fund and the State Patrol would make future vehicle purchases from the fund. LB 381 would place the money and responsibility for the most cost effective use of the money into the hands of the agency which has the greatest direct interest in getting the most for their money. And with that I guess I would just ask for the advancement of LB 381.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Thank you, Senator Schmitt.    Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    Yes, Madam President, members, I simply want to rise in support of this particular bill. I think it's probably a logical way to go to involve the trading of the patrol cars joining into this cash fund. I think they can be more efficient and hopefully more cost effective in their car purchasing program and I would support the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Thank you, Senator.    Senator Beutler.