

May 8, 1995

LB 89
LR 101

ask the Chair is there some reason to require 25 votes on this particular resolution?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers, there's a statute that requires that such a payment be adopted by a majority vote of the members. The House is under call. Will Senators please return to their seats. We are accepting call-in votes. The question before you is the adoption of LR 101.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen voting yes. Senator Preister voting yes. Senator Schmitt voting yes. Senator Bromm voting yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays on the adoption of LR 101, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The resolution is adopted. I raise the call.
LB 89.

CLERK: Madam President, Legislative Bill 89, introduced by Senator Hillman and Wehrbein. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam President and members, what LB 89 does, number one, is it establishes a cash fund in the Nebraska Education Communication Commission. We had a session several years ago in Appropriations Committee where we discovered that all cash funds established in any state agency needs legislative approval and so the agency came to me and then to Appropriations Committee for this. It will establish a cash fund that will accomplish two things and help them with some administrative problems. One, it will establish a fund where they can account for the match provided by private entities for equipment purchased by the commission to support distance learning. You have some entities across the state, be it community college perhaps for a technician, there are some others, centers, Grand Island I know, so forth, where maybe some private businesses have paid for codecs to be able to access distance learning and they have paid it into the agency. The agency then has no place to be able to facilitate these funds to purchase it and so they