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Auditor to bring the statute into conformity with the practice of the Nebraska Department of Labor. Next, the bill designates the district court of Lancaster County as a forum for appeals for a nonresident employee when the work occurs outside Nebraska. Finally, the bill changes the method of service, of process to conform with the Administrative Procedures Act. This bill was heard in the Business and Labor Committee and was brought forth with no dissenting votes and I ask for your advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. For discussion on LB 1072. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, if I could ask Senator Vrtiska a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska, will you yield?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: I'm not an expert in the GATT, but I'm kind of curious. When you mentioned that it peaked my interest. Is this something that they're doing in other countries for people who are unemployed in those countries to make sure that some kind of a tax is paid as an ante or at least as a...in cooperation with America or this country so that benefits and salaries are uniform? Because we all know that companies move to foreign countries, Mexico and others, so they won't have to pay benefits, so they won't have to pay legitimate living wages, so they can profit from, in fact, not doing those kinds of things. So I'm...and you might not be able to answer it and I'm not going to vote against the bill because you can't, but I'd be curious to know what GATT has to do with any of this, especially since the reason people move out of our country and into other countries is to profit from it at the expense of those people who simply work for a living and those companies.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, it's an interesting question, Senator Lynch. And, obviously, I don't have a direct answer because I don't know that this was discussed at that...I'm just looking at the statement of intent. And the statement of intent indicates that the requirement was a direct result of the implementation of the GATT Treaty, so I would assume that some of the things you're saying come into play, but I can't give you a direct