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begin reading at noon. As it turned out we ended up with a short staff in the Clerk's Office that day and we did not do that. The schedule...what the schedule contemplates today is at about noon, switching to Final Reading of LB 900. Now we realize that we'll probably have somewhat of a short audience for the reading of that bill, but we would ask those of you who are not involved in committee hearings to be sensitive to the fact that we will be in session and will be reading LB 900. The Clerk informs me that this bill, because of its length, might be about a five-hour or longer read, so those of you that will have to get excused to go to your committee hearings and do other activities, try to, if you can, get back. This is a lengthy bill. It is the rewrite of the education code. Because of our Final Reading rules, it has to, obviously, be read out loud, but rather than taking five hours out of the agenda later on, we thought today, when a lot of the committees are done and we could probably get at least a skeleton crew here on the floor for the reading of that we could do so. If you have any questions about that, see me about it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Legislative Resolution 46CA, originally introduced by Senator Hillman. It's a resolution proposing an amendment to Article IX, Section 4 of the Nebraska Constitution. The resolution was introduced on January 19 of 1995. At that time it was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for public hearing. The resolution was advanced to General File. There are Government Committee amendments pending, Madam President. (Standing Committee amendment, AM0016, is found on page 1401 of the Legislative Journal, First Session.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Robinson, to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, LR 46CA deals with granting authority to a count...authority to a county to adopt the county administrator form of government. The committee amendment simply corrects an oversight in the bill dealing with the vote in any county that may consider making this change. Currently, the bill (sic) states that a county administrator form of government shall occur only after a majority vote of the registered voters of the county. The