

March 19, 1996

LB 296, 1150

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** The bill passes. We are no longer on Final Reading, so the Sergeant at Arms can unsecure the rope. The next matter before the body then is the Preister motion filed on LB 1150. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Preister would move to place LB 1150 on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 19(b).

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Preister.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. Now that we're no longer under Final Reading and the ropes are unsecured, hopefully we are still secure. And I would welcome your attention on this which I consider an important item in my district and in other districts in east Omaha, it perhaps would be less important in others. Let me explain the motion itself. I'm ruling...moving to place this piece of legislation, 1150 that I introduced, on General File because there has been no final action by the committee. The actual hearing itself was on February 13th, and as of this date there is still no final action that has been taken by the committee. On March 11th I filed this motion to place 1150 on General File over the committee, as has been done twice now already by this body in this session, and been successful twice now, when those two bills had both even been killed by committee. This bill was not killed in committee and is still alive in committee. As I read Section 19 of Rule 3 and the (b) part, it states, any senator may move that a bill be placed on General File 20 calendar days or more after the committee hearing, if the committee has not taken final action on the bill, and by a vote of a majority of the elected members, said bill shall be placed on General File. That, in effect, is my motion. I believe that it is in order since my file date was March 11th, and March 11th was 27 days after the public hearing. So I believe that I am well within the purview of making this motion and that it is certainly in order. What we would be dealing with is to ban the territorial rating of auto liability insurance within the confines of the city limits of Omaha. Omaha is currently the only city that has subdivided territories where insurance rates for auto liability insurance are being charged differently, based upon those territories which in effect are analogous to certain zip code areas. The Pages are passing out two sets of maps, which I will explain in a minute and show you the discrepancy in. I believe that this issue is an issue of justice, an issue of fairness,