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the house and take call-in votes. Oh, one second, Senator, I think there's a Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, I didn't hear what you were saying. Were you asking for something?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I was saying, could we just wait one second for Senator Fisher.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1296.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just an admonishment, if we could, and I know I'm preaching to the choir in here but maybe there's some Senators in their offices. The consent calendar scheduled early in the mornings is a means of expediting some of your work but if we have to take several minutes waiting for votes, we're not going to get much of your work expedited. So, if you would, members, try to be in the Chamber. Be close to your desks and be willing to...obviously, if you don't want to vote for a measure, don't for it; but if it's just a matter of either being in here or someplace else, it would be nice to have a working quorum in here. Mr. Clerk, LB 1276.

CLERK: LB 1276, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Maurstad. (Read title.) Introduced on January 17 of this year, referred to General Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 1276 addresses an issue which impacts most of the museums in Nebraska. The disposal, return, or acquisition of titled items and artifacts which have been donated to museums. Current state law does not cover property recovery and does not provide a method to legally allow a museum to retain ownership or dispose of the materials. LB 1276 establishes the Museum Property Act. This legislation protects persons who loan property to a Nebraska museum while providing a process by which items left at a museum may be disposed of or kept as a part of history long after the person who loaned the item has passed away. The legislation was