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LB 1070, 1241

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. To speak on the amendment, Senator...advancement, Senator Janssen? Senator Kristensen? Senator Vrtiska? Senator Bromm?

SENATOR BROMM: I just wanted to say that I have my chain of thought, but I lost my voice. (Laughter.) I heard this bill in committee. It's a good project. I'm glad that we're able to do this and turn an area back to a local subdivision. I commend Senator Cudaback for pursuing it. We had some rough edges to be worked out in committee, and I think it's a good bill, and I think we should advance it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein. Senator Cudaback to close.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I know better. (Laughter.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall LB 1070 advance? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes and 1 nay, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill advances despite the opposition. I would like to pause one second and recognize a guest under the north balcony, a guest of Senator Schimek, Sue Chang from Taiwan. She's the assistant to the speaker of the Congress in Taiwan, and she's here to study Nebraska's legislative process. Welcome, and please be recognized. LB 1241.

CLERK: LB 1241, Mr. President, by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (See AM2989 on page 929 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me explain the committee amendment and just what the bill is about, all together. Essentially this was brought to the committee by the Department of Health who has regulatory responsibility with regard to well drillers. It was also...the well drillers themselves also came in and supported this particular piece of legislation. Obviously it came out of committee without a dissenting vote. Essentially it seeks to solve a quirk in the law, something we