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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Is there further discussion? Chair recognizes Senator Brashear to close on LB 45. Senator Brashear waives closing. The motion before us is to advance LB 45 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 45.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 45 advances to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 47, Mr. President, by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Brashear to open on LB 47.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, Legislative Bill 47 was heard by the Judiciary Committee on January the 20th and advanced without opposition. It makes a change with regard to the operation of the Judicial Resources Commission. Presently, the Judicial Resources Commission can hold a meeting by videoconference. The bill, LB 47, would allow the Judicial Resources Commission, only in those instances, I want to emphasize for the distinguished Chair of the Committee on Committees, just so that we're laying it out, only in those instances where there is going to be no change in the allocation or situation of judges, based on judicial workload statistics, could the Judicial Resources Commission use teleconferencing instead of videoconferencing. That's obviously a matter of efficiency and economy, and is in the best interests of the purpose of the Judicial Resources Commission. These records of any teleconference so held would be retained, a recording would be retained for one year. The purposes are good and practical and efficient, and I would urge the advancement of LB 47. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The Chair