

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

January 27, 1999 LB 298

probably be eliminated. And we do have many, many commissions and boards that are very necessary to the welfare of the people of the state of Nebraska, but that will be found out in this...in the survey. So I do support the bill and recommend its passage.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I didn't intend to speak on this bill until I had a situation arise, I guess it was just yesterday, in which I'd cast a lone red vote up there and realized that it does not explain why I had done such a thing, and the introducer came over and said, well, what was that all about? And I realized that I'd not spoken, then I'd voted on the theory that, well, it's going to pass and I don't want to get in the way and I don't want to stand...you know, I think it's going to happen, I just don't want to vote for it, and that's difficult to interpret. And so we had a conversation--what was my motivation? And eventually we got to talking about nail technology and I made the point essentially that I thought the bill was overreaching and that I thought it probably would have a negative impact on the entrepreneurship in the minority community, where there's a lot of people doing this kind of work. And I thought it might be difficult for the community and, with that difference of opinion, we had a pleasant difference of opinion and I think it was understood on both parts. Since I'm going to vote red on the bill, I've got the same situation today, but I don't rise to provoke a debate because I think the bill can certainly pass and it won't bother me a bit if it does. I'm just not going to vote for it and I want to tell you why. Legislatures rarely bind each other from one to another. As a matter of fact, we don't do that on appropriations. We rarely bind future Legislatures as to what their duties are. If we do it, we ought to do it for a really good reason and it probably ought to be something that needs to be done which we could not accomplish some other way. This is an Executive Board matter. This is the kind of thing that a committee could do on its own, on a regular basis, simply because it decided to do this. I'm not sure I want the statutes to align the workload of the Legislature by statute rather than