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General File; (LB) 366, General File; (LB) 379, General File; (LB) 17, General File with amendments; (LB) 333, General File with amendments; (LB) 56, indefinitely postponed; (LB) 71, indefinitely postponed. Natural Resources reports LB 286 to General File with amendments. Health reports LB 307 to General File with amendments. And Banking Committee reports LB 396 to General File with amendments. (See pages 418-422 of the Legislative Journal.)

In addition, Mr. President, I have a Reference report referring LB 881; confirmation hearing report from the Health and Human Services; hearing notice from Natural Resources. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (See pages 422-423 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 268, a bill by Senator Bohlke. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bohlke, did you have anything to say in opening on the bill?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Coordsen, I'm glad you asked; yes, I do. Senator Coordsen, members, this is a bill that is very narrow in scope. I think you've heard me mention before we've had situations that currently, in law, if you are home schooling you have to home school under the premise that it's because of...you have sincerely held religious beliefs. This allows another...another category that you could state, which says that you are wishing...the parents or guardians directing their child's education. It's meant to be very narrow in scope. We've had situations, contacts from parents who say they disagree. They are home schooling, but they are not home schooling just because of religious beliefs, but because they want to have direction of their child's education. This allows that really for people to be truthful in the reasons that they are home schooling. It's nothing more than that, and is, as I said, intended to be very narrow in that scope. Thank you.