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Certainly, it was not narrow in scope. Senator Chambers, we went from dress code to armpits to sexual habits to abortion, but I did hear you say that you will always be watchful over what concerns children, and I applaud you for that. I, too, think that's a very important issue. What this does, as I've explained, simply and very narrowly says for those group of parents who are home schooling and do not wish to not be truthful on a public document, it allows them the option, another option. It was to be nothing more than that. The other technicality we certainly did not need to address and this I would ask then for your support in the advancement of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the close and the question before the body is the advancement of LB 268 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 268.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We will next move to LB 473.

CLERK: (LB) 473 introduced by the Agriculture Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, referred to the Agriculture Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Senator Dierks, to open on the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 473 is an effort to keep the weights and measures standards used by the Department of Agriculture current by adopting the most recent publication of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Our statutes must be updated periodically to keep up with the fast evolution of technology in marketing practices on the national level. Adopting a '99...1999 version of these handbooks will help keep the standards uniform with other states, which is important in maintaining free interstate trade. The bill also allows the department to become an authorized field laboratory under the