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SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 474 is adopt...is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (LB) 212, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Schmitt. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schmitt, to open on LB 212.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. President, members. LB 212, it's a relatively simple bill. It affects medical facilities that are operated by county boards in counties with a population of more than 3,600 and less than 200,000. At the present time, there are 27 of those across Nebraska. I have three of them in my district. A board of trustees is required for county hospitals and the county board appoints members of the hospital board of trustees. Current law allows either three members to the board or five members. The county board determines that number. LB 212 would allow a seven member board of trustees, if the county board decides they need seven members. And I want the body to understand, this is permissive. They don't have to if they don't want to. Terms remain at six years. The board provides an appointment process if the county board decides to increase the size of the hospital board. The board, this bill was brought to me by a hospital administrator and a county board in my district, and they felt that if they had a seven member hospital board, it would allow more people to participate and provide for more consistently informed hospital board, and that's, basically, all it does. It just allows them to increase to seven rather than the three, five that we now have.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. There are no lights on. Did you wish to say anything in closing? Closing is waived. The issue before the body is the advancement of LB 212 to E & R for Initial. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 212.