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area came up, and this was based strictly on a calculation they made, and they wanted to make sure that we knew it was just a calculation they've done based on past experience, but it says that based on their experience in managing 114 cemeteries across the country the 70-mile service area seems to be the most reliable. It affects the fact that the great majority of burials or visits to the grave site come within 75 miles. As Senator Wickersham said, this is to look at the proposal. We are providing the space at Grand Island already. Fort McPherson is also the Nebraska's only national cemetery. This would give us the expansion that we will need looking at the changing demographics. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Any further discussion on LB 84? Seeing none, Senator Peterson, were you or Senator Wickersham going to close? You are recognized to close. Waiving closing, that's what I wondered. Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 84 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on LB 84, have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of LB 84, have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, or Madam President, excuse me, on the advancement of LB 84.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. LB 297.

CLERK: (LB) 297, a bill by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, to open on 297.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. This bill grew out of a number of visits to other state capitols over the years and a realization that the landscaping at our capitol probably needs some refurbishing. I had occasion this summer to visit with DAS and Bob Ripley and discovered that there was an original landscaping plan that was drawn at the time that the capitol was actually planned. And in