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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're debating the advancement of LB 60. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 60 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just to reiterate, this bill does nothing more than make clear that the duty of the board of canvassers is ministerial and that their function really is to tabulate the vote and, with that, I would urge advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 60 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 60 advances. LB 380.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 380 was introduced by Senator Bromm and others. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 13th, referred to Health and Human Services. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on LB 380.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 380 I'm pleased to bring to the floor. It's my intent, with the introduction of 380, that it will allow a common-sense approach to Medicaid managed care in rural Nebraska. Basically, the bill removes the mandate or the requirement that Health and Human Services proceed with the implementation of the Managed Care Act when there's insufficient population, infrastructure or risk sharing that cannot sustain the program. There has to be a balance, I think, between the needs of state government and Medicaid recipients and healthcare providers in order to not lose access to our medical care by our most vulnerable population. In 1993, the Managed Care Plan Act mandated the