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is the advancement of LB 51 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 51.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 51 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 27.

CLERK: LB 27, Mr. President, was a bill by Senator Lynch. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7, at that time was referred to the Business and Labor Committee for public hearing, bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Lynch to open on LB 27. Senator.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, not even quite sure how to start on this bill because there is so much misunderstanding and, unfortunately, there is so much less than the truth being told to so many people here on the floor. I can have a short fuse on occasion, and, boy, I've had to blow that fuse out a number of times since I've introduced this bill, not just this year, but a few years ago as well. I sent to all of you a fact sheet like this yesterday or the day before saying that, you know, take it and plagiarize it, and use it all you want to when you respond to some of your constituents that are calling you. I got to tell you, I just got a call this morning from somebody who said they were a constituent, and they were never going to vote for me again if I voted for this bill. Unfortunately, you know, when you get a phone call, you can see where the call is coming in from. I don't think he ever had the chance to vote for me in the past 'cause he lived down in the southern part of the state somewhere, and I don't know who he is. But this is an example of the kind of lengths, I think, some people who are concerned about this go to to try to suggest we should not be doing this. I could probably tell you more about what it doesn't do than what it does to help you understand my dilemma. But as you know, we are a right-to-work state, and in a right-to-work state, people who belong to bargaining units represent everybody who works for that organization. And when benefits are