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enforcement to various municipal violations, concerns not addressed at the county level. As you can see, LB 295 is a very straightforward bill and it seeks to assist city attorneys in carrying out their duties more effectively. I would appreciate your vote to advance.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Before we move to debate on the bill, Senator Baker is proud to announce he has the following guests visiting the Legislature. They are Marie Upton from Trenton, Nebraska; Derek Matthews and Anne Matthews from Newbury, England; there is Norah Farmer from Stevenage, New (sic) England...or Stevenage, England, excuse me; and Joan Collyen from Swallow Field, England. Would you please rise and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Debate on advancement, Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just have a question for Senator Hudkins. I'm not going to take any time on this, but I just wanted to clarify something.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hudkins?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Is this basically just because of the STOP Program, Senator Hudkins? And the reason I ask that, I do have a bill in the Judiciary Committee dealing with the STOP Programs to tighten it up a little or make it more fair, and I just wondered if this was because of the STOP Program, the pretrial, or has this been a problem with the city of Lincoln on other issues?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Well, Senator Schmitt, is this specifically for the STOP Program? No. This would be a pretrial diversion for anything that would be allowed to have pretrial diversion, but right now only the county attorneys are allowed to do this.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Um-hum.

SENATOR HUDKINS: This would also allow the city attorneys to develop these programs.