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LR 4

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will proceed to General File. Special order, Executive Board priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 4 is a proposed constitutional amendment offered by Senator Kristensen to Article III, Section 7 of the Nebraska Constitution. The resolution was introduced on January 8 of this year, at that time referred to the Executive Board for public hearing. The resolution was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the resolution at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kristensen to open on LR 4.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. These are the Executive Board's priority bills. For those of you who often wonder why scheduling is done the way it's done, I want to give you a few words of why these two were done together. As you've noticed as we've gone through this year, each committee has had a priority bill. And we've sort of walked through that. Each committee was given the opportunity to select a priority bill that they wanted to go first. We've been through all the committees' priority bills, and we're now starting back, as time will allow us, to catch those second bills. The only committee that did not through that process get their two bills, or one of their bills, was the Executive Board. And Senator Coordsen was kind enough to wait till the end to do this. Since these bills are so similar, we decided to put them back to back. And that's the reason you see them ordered the way are. If you were going to hire someone to work for you and they were going to decide who your employees were going to be, if they were going to decide what buildings you were going to build and how your business was run, if you were going to hire someone to pay all of your bills, manage every one of your employees, balance your checkbook so that you were never overdrawn, deal with problems of people suing your business or suing your employees, if you were going to have somebody who was going to collect all your accounts receivable for you, if you were going to have someone who was going to decide the type of school, and where that was going to be, that your children were going to reside, if you were going to hire somebody to hire a