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may. The house is under call. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 658.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, the next item, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill is LB 626, introduced by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19 of last year, referred to the Banking Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you, members of the body. LB 626 amends Nebraska's Trademark Registration Act. In 1992, the International Trademark Association, formerly the United States Trademark Association, approved a proposal revising the model state trademark bill to reflect current needs of intrastate and regional commerce, while harmonizing state trademark practices with recent changes in federal trademark law. Since that adoption, 21 states have enacted this legislation. LB 626 reflects changes recommended by the International Trademark Association. We have, in Nebraska, the prior model bill. We've had that since 1946...49, pardon me. Forty-six states adopted that prior model bill, but now 21 have begun to modernize their provisions. If I was to give you a more detailed explanation of the bill, you would either leave or fall asleep. I think the thing that I can offer as third party credibility is that you're Banking and Commerce and Insurance Committee unanimously advanced this bill and, therefore, I would urge that you advance it also. This would bring our Nebraska trademark law into compliance with recent developments and, in fact, is necessary for commerce today. With that, I'd be pleased to respond to any questions, if there were any. Other than that, I'd ask your vote in support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. (Visitors