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primary language is not English. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I also rise in support of this bill. I think anything that goes far enough to advance the great diversity of the state of Nebraska and actually embraces that diversity goes a long way to say anything good about our state. I think this is just a wonderful bill and I support it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Seeing no further debate, Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close on advancement. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LR 20CA. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 20CA.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The measure is advanced. We next move to 2000 committee priority bills, LB 900, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 900 was a bill originally introduced by the Natural Resources Committee at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January of this year, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the measure.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 900 is a bill brought to the Natural Resources Committee. It is a committee bill, it was brought to us by the Governor. What LB 900 does, it combines the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Natural Resources into one state agency, instead of the two that we have at the present time. The bill is lengthy and most of the bulk is caused by a need to change