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Hartnett to close.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I simply ask you for the advancement of LB 76. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The question is the advancement of LB 76 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 76.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The bill is advanced. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 78, introduced by the Urban...I'm sorry, introduced by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair would recognize Senator Hartnett for opening.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I'm here to introduce LB 78. What LB 78 would do, would amend Section 19-4801 to allow fire inspectors and building inspectors from cities of second class and villages to issue citations for a violation of fire, health, and safety codes, and constructional technical codes. Under current law, fire inspectors and building inspectors from cities of the metropolitan, primary, and first-class cities have authority...have this authority. LB 78 would extend the authority to other classes of municipalities. Inspectors would be required to be trained by certified law enforcement officers in the policies and procedures for issuing of citations. The citation would be equivalent to and have the same legal effect as a citation issued in lieu of...lieu of arrest or continued custody of a peace officer if the same requirements are followed. Within this authority, if an inspector discovers a