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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to the first item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, General File, LB 357, a bill offered by the Government Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, at that time referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. Bill was discussed briefly yesterday, Mr. President. That's all that I have at this time.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you. Chair would recognize Senator Schimek for a brief status report.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. As you will recall, I opened on this bill yesterday and then we adjourned for the day, so I will just briefly describe for you the contents of the bill. And the bill provides that there would be a statewide voter registration list kept by the Secretary of State that would be interactive with the county registration lists. The Secretary of State and Department of Motor Vehicles are required to enter into agreement to match information on the voter registration lists with that on the lists of the...or the database of the Department of Motor Vehicles; that there would be a provision that an applicant for voting would be, first, required to answer the questions about citizenship status and voting age before completing the rest of the form, and then, if they can't provide a driver's license or Social Security number, they would be assigned an identifying number by the Secretary of State. And finally, there would be list maintenance on that computerized voter registration list by the Secretary of State. That is a brief summary of the bill's contents.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Committee amendments, Mr. Clerk. Okay, there are no amendments. Further discussion? The Chair would recognize Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, let me pursue just one