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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor (sic), members of the body. Yes, you do expand the marketplace when you let our public entities go across the borders and purchase from other businesses, but I don't think there is any harm in having advantage for them purchasing from our own Nebraska businesses. In fact, even if they pay a little bit more, it isn't bad for our governments to give back to their communities by supporting the businesses on our main streets. So I can live with that disadvantage. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Redfield. There being no further lights, Senator Janssen, do you wish to close on LB 168?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Only to say that I believe this is something that is long overdue. We would have had this bill up last year but we ran out of time. It was good for business and I think particularly it will be good for the state if these companies can even grow a little bit. Those people hire individuals to work for their companies and they pay taxes. So I think any incentive we can give to a business that's located close to the...to another state and expand their perimeters, I think it's good for the state in the long run. With that, that will be my closing, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 168 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 168.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 168 does advance. Mr. Clerk, do you have any messages, reports or announcements at this time?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. A series of hearing notices from the Judiciary Committee, all signed by Senator Brashear. I also have a hearing notice from the Urban Affairs Committee signed by Senator Hartnett. Senator Janssen, an amendment to be printed to LB 429. And, Mr. President, Senator Synowiecki would like to add his name to LB 588 as cointroducer. That's all that I have