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that time referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time to the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bromm to open on LB 90.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to introduce LB 90 to the body, and recommend its advancement. This is the result of some work that has gone on in the last few months, and perhaps longer than that, between the Butler County and Colfax County surveyors. The bill proposes to change the physical boundary lines between these two counties in a portion of the Platte River which runs between the counties. It has been totally agreed to by the county boards of both counties, who have unanimously recommended the change to us. It runs...the border runs about 18 miles between the counties along the Platte River. It would actually make the boundary line go down the center of the river. This would result in leaving three islands in the river in Colfax County. And as far as I've been told and as the counties have testified, there would be no residents actually affected by that change. The distance is about an 800-foot shift to the north. And so it's not a terribly long distance. But it is important to the counties that they straighten this out, due to the fact, the river has shifted significantly over a period of time, leaving some property actually isolated on the opposite side of the river which would be more logically placed with that particular county for servicing and taxes and so forth. The fiscal note reports negligible fiscal impact to either county. The valuation change is nominal. There's a slight shift in valuation to Butler County. And as I have indicated, there was no opposition to the bill. The Government Committee unanimously advanced the bill. And therefore, I would recommend that we advance it to Select File. If there are any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Beutler, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature. Senator Bromm, I really want to thank you for bringing this