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discussion, Senator Smith, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 53.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be very brief. I just urge the adoption of LB 53, to provide local governments a tool to become more efficient and look at consolidation at the...on a voluntary basis, without the disincentives that were certainly unintended, but nonetheless exist in current policy. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the closing, members. The question is the advancement of LB 53 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Members, have you all voted that care to vote? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 53.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 53 does advance. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 181, by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr to open on LB 181.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I come before you today to introduce LB 181. And it proposes to amend the statutes so that a vacancy in the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska is filled by a Governor's appointment until the next regular general election. And at that time, voters elect someone to serve the unexpired term, if any. Currently, vacancies are filled by gubernatorial appointments for all of the remainder of the six-year term. And I would just like to explain a little bit of the details. In Section 2(a), if the vacancy occurs more than 60 days...and I do want to say that we have amended that to 75 days...before a regular general election, the appointee will serve until January following a regular general election, and then at the regular general