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February 13, 2003 LB 114
LR 16

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you really mean thank you, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BROMM: I do mean...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You don't have to answer.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...I do mean thank you. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McDonald would ask unanimous consent to bracket LR 16CA until March 1, 2003.

SPEAKER BROMM: Any objection? Seeing none, the bill is bracketed till March 1. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 114 was introduced by Senators Redfield and Erdman. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 9 of this year, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Redfield to open.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Bromm, members of the body. LB 114 is a "save the tree" bill. It's also a "save your office space" bill, because in fact our offices are filled with paper. If you look at a statute book, any one, you could mark page after page of required reports that are created just to give to the Legislature so that we can monitor the progress of state government. And so our offices fill, and many times trees are cut down. And then we have agencies that come to us, as the Department of Insurance did the other day, with a volume about two inches thick, and said, please give us permission to report this electronically. Now, we could wait for each agency to come to us one by one and give them specific permission to submit that electronically. But I would submit to you, the efficient way to do it is to allow them all to actually complete that requirement electronically. LB 114 is not a mandate. It is permissive language. It allows any state agency, board, or