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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion? There are no more lights on, Speaker Bromm. Senator Bromm, do you wish to close on the advancement?

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly. I remember the legislation in '95 of Senator Chambers, which I did support at the time. His comments are well taken. I think this bill is a good measure to take, to put what we're doing in statute. And so I would encourage members to advance LB 418.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the advancement. All in favor of advancing to E & R Initial vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 418. Have you all voted who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 418 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 157 was introduced by Senator Kremer. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10, referred to the Agriculture Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, you're recognized to open on LB 157.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. LB 157 is a bill that's brought on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, and the bill accomplished two objectives. First, the bill clarifies that pesticide applications for outdoor vector control...mosquito fogging is what really brought this about, with the West Nile virus...that is made by employees or authorized agents of a federal or a state agency, that they can do this without permission from the landowner. Section 2-2646 of the Nebraska Pesticide Act defines and enumerates unlawful acts that are prohibited under the act. Subsections (18) declare unlawful use, storage, or disposal of a