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denied...DEQ has not been able to go on site and recommend remedial action. So that's the reason for this bill. It's a fairly simple bill, fairly narrow focus. I would encourage the Legislature to advance this bill. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 142. Open for discussion on that advancement. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak? (Inaudible) that opportunity. Anybody else wishing to speak to advancement of LB 142? Senator Schrock, there are no lights on. Do you wish to close on advancement? He waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 142 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion vote aye, and opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 142 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 142.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 142 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 692, by Senator Preister. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22 of this year, at that time referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Preister, on advancement of LB 692.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. Members of the body, I will explain a little bit about what the bill does, and it essentially strikes the sunset clause and extends the Biopower Steering Committee until December 2005. It's scheduled to sunset this December, so it's nearing its demise. And the purpose is to keep the steering committee active for two more years, in order to allow them to pursue funding for any biomass projects that may become available. It's in the best interest of Nebraska to diversify its electric energy generation