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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Redfield, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 349.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 349 was heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on February 6 of 2003. It advanced 8-0. It amends statute 49-1495. It actually eliminates a duplicative filing requirement. We have distributed to you a couple of documents that I'm sure you're very familiar with. One is the campaign statement, the candidate and ballot question committee, the form B-1. This is something that we have all filed multiple times. And in fact, statute requires that we only file this with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The other document that we have sent around to you is the statement of financial interest, the NADC form C-1. It has a circle on it. This is currently required not only to the Accountability and Disclosure Commission, but also to your local election commissioner or county clerk. Most people don't realize that they're required to do a duplicate filing for this. And sometimes you may miss that deadline. The reason that the elimination of the requirement occurred on the campaign statement is because in fact the Accountability and Disclosure Commission puts their documents on-line, whereas your county officers may throw it in a box or a file where it is not very accessible to the public. With the advent of the Internet and technology, we find that the Accountability and Disclosure documents are far more accessible to the press and to the public. And therefore, the duplicate filing is no longer required. The committee amendment adds another bill to this LB 349, and Senator Schimek will introduce that. I would ask that you, for the sake of really just being simplistic and efficient in government, that we don't confuse the public by having different requirements for different documents. Let's handle them all as efficiently as we can. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. There are committee amendments, as stated by the clerk. Senator Schimek, as chairperson of the Military...Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, you're recognized to open on those amendments. (AM0399, Legislative Journal page 561.)