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doing something that they could find as a violation, if they chose. So if you've tried to run the squeakiest, cleanest program and these investigators come, you begin to tremble because you don't know what you or somebody with the program or a booster or a player may have done. So the NCAA is accustomed to bullying people, but when somebody their own size will stand up to them in a public forum and they cannot use intimidation or threats, you see what happens. And here's the way the man did it, and the only reason I'm taking this time is because the bill will not require discussion. The organizer was at the hotel in Philadelphia, where the debate was to occur. I had called him there a couple of times to get some loose ends worked out. Renfro, from the NCAA, and I both knew that the man's residence was in New York. If we want to call him, we call him in Philadelphia because that's where he is. We knew his hotel. What Renfro did was to wait late and leave a message on the man's answering service in New York that he wasn't coming. So late Friday the man was just checking his phone calls to see if there were any he should make and when he got word that Renfro was not coming, he panicked and tried every way to reach me, but naturally I was gone. So I made the trek to Philadelphia and it was not all in vain, not just because Renfro didn't show up, but I found a city with streets in their community narrower than some of the streets in Lincoln. So I just thought I'd throw that in for Senator Landis and my colleagues from Lincoln. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's all that I have to offer. Oh, and I hope you will vote to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. That was the closing, I believe, and so at this point we will vote to advance...whether to advance LB 610. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 610 does advance. Next bill, LB 118.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 118 was introduced by Senator Brown. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 9, referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee reports the bill to