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LB 17, 430

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 17.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. We now move to General File, 2003 Speaker priority bills. Mr. Clerk, first item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 430 is a bill by Senator Don Pederson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM0415, Legislative Journal page 562.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. And I should have stated we passed over LB 374. Senator Don Pederson, to open on advancement of LB 430.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This may be kind of boring. It only has one subject. But LB 430 authorizes the Secretary of State, along with his other duties, to act as the chief protocol officer and goodwill ambassador for the state of Nebraska. At the committee hearing, former Secretary of State Scott Moore submitted a letter in support of this bill. And Allen Beermann testified in support of the active role of the Secretary of State, the role that he plays in meeting and greeting distinguished visitors and representatives from foreign soil. Although it's been an accepted role for the Secretary of State of the state of Nebraska for over 50 years, the significance of foreign trade today in today's global economy requires an effective network, highlighting the importance that that relationship plays in the enduring and profitable commerce relationship. LB 430, which I thank the Speaker for designating as a Speaker priority, was advanced from the Government and Military Affairs Committee, and was heard...and there was no neutral testimony. The committee will offer an amendment to that language that will conform on line 28. And I have absolutely no problem with the revised language, and would encourage your support. Passage of LB 430 demonstrates the relationship and exchange of ideas and...that these are now key ingredients to commerce, and the state of