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SENATOR HARTNETT: I'll just simply open and close, I think. The committee amendments became the bill, and I simply ask for the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: That was...anybody else wishing to...I really hadn't asked you to close yet, Senator Hartnett. But I guess nobody else wishing to speak. Maybe...did you wish to close then? He waives that opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 644 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 644. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 644 does advance. We are passing over LB 110. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 236 was introduced by Senator Maxwell. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 13 of last year, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM0300, Legislative Journal page 561, First Session, 2003.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Maxwell, to open on advancement of LB 236.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill allows a school district, subject to the limitations of federal law, the discretion to deny a request for routine student directory information. By unanimous vote, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee advanced the bill to General File. There is an amendment that...a committee amendment. And let me give you the background on the bill. As I said, it allows public schools more discretion in the release of information about their students. What happened was, an Omaha television station, acting on a tip that there might be a weakness in state law, approached an Omaha public school to receive all the directory information about students. Actually, the television