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committees as part of the referencing process. I believe it's in shape for you to consider. I would urge your advancement of the bill. This basically is a consumer protection piece of legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The question is the advancement of LB 16 to E & R Initial. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The bill is advanced. Next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 625 was introduced by Senator Brown. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 21, referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. (AM0681, Legislative Journal page 1022, First Session, 2003.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Chair recognizes Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am here to introduce LB 625, which amends the procedural rules that apply to complaints and investigations under the Fair Housing Act, clarifying that the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission would be required to inform parties, against whom a fair housing complaint has been filed, of their right at any time, upon request, to obtain copies of the information derived from the investigation, and copies of the investigative report relating to the investigation, and to allow parties to obtain copies of all information derived from the investigation, and copies of the final investigation report relating to that investigation. Right now, we have a provision in their statutory requirements that they provide information, but the impacted organizations are not always getting that information, the information that there's even been an investigation and that they can receive this information, and are often denied the opportunity to get this information. And so this just clarifies that. Senator Chambers, who may not be totally involved in this conversation,