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(Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 8 of this year, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Aguilar, you're recognized to open on the advancement of LB 915.

SENATOR AGUILAR: LB 915 is a bill suggested and brought to me by the Secretary of State's Office. Nebraska law currently requires all proposed regulations or proposed changes to go through the hearing process, and then a review and approval process at the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office, after which it is filed with the Secretary of State's Office. This process is ongoing, year-round, whenever rules and regulations are changed. The law also requires agencies to annually certify all rules and regulations with the Secretary of State, who is the official repository for the state's rules and regulations. Under LB 915, the annual certification would be eliminated. Any change to the state administrative code become effective upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State as they occur throughout the year. The Secretary of State has all the filings for rules and regulations, or any changes thereto, prior to the annual certification being made, so the second certification is somewhat duplicative. The annual certification process provides a small but unneeded burden on both the Secretary of State's Office and all state agencies which promulgate rules and regulations. The chore would be eliminated by this legislation. This particular bill came out without any opposition and with unanimous approval by the Government Committee. I ask you to move it to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 915. We're now open for discussion on that motion to advance. Senator Aguilar, there are no lights on. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 915 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Question before the body is advancement of LB 915 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Voting on advancement of LB 915. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who care to? Record please,