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FLOOR DEBATE

March 5, 2004 LB 75, 560

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted. Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move advancement of LB 560 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 560 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed to the motion say nay. It is readvanced. (Visitors introduced.) We'll now go on to Select File. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 75 on Select File. No Enrollment and Review amendments. Senator Hudkins would move to amend with AM2320. (Legislative Journal page 410.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm going to give you just a little bit of background about this because it has been awhile since we've gone through it. This bill, LB 75, had to do with the qualifications for sheriff. Right now in Nebraska, almost anybody can be elected sheriff. Although county assessors must be certified, and county attorneys must have a law degree, a sheriff just needs to be a registered voter. You don't have to know how to use a gun or drive a car or be familiar with the law. You just have to get more votes than anybody else. Well, that sounds a little strange, but that's the way it works in Nebraska. LB 75 was originally introduced to have the sheriffs already trained. We received some criticisms on that and so we decided to amend it slightly, and I would like to thank Senator Schimek for handing this bill and its amendments for me on General File. I appreciate the time and the effort that she put forward. The new, and hopefully improved, version of this bill says now that the candidate for the office of sheriff must submit with his filing form a standardized letter saying that the candidate has successfully passed a background investigation and that the