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584, 658, 664
LR 46

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, new resolution, LR 46, offered by Senator Landis, offering the Legislature's condolences to the family of former Senator Kathleen Foote. That will be laid over. Mr. President, your Committee on Agriculture reports LB 317 to General File with amendments; LB 584, General File with amendments; those reports signed by Senator Kremer. Natural Resources reports LB 191, LB 658 indefinitely postponed, those signed by Senator Schrock. Banking Committee reports LB 389 to General File with amendments, that signed by Senator Mines. Health and Human Services Committee reports LB 272 to General File; LB 331, General File; LB 453, General File; LB 534, General File; those signed by Senator Jensen as Chair. And Health and Human Services Committee, LB 664 to General File with amendments. I also have a series of confirmation reports from Health and Human Services Committee, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 622-627.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to agenda items, General File. Mr. Clerk, LB 94.

CLERK: LB 94, introduced by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File. At this time I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 94.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. LB 94 was heard in the Natural Resources Committee on January 21. LB 94 revises the current definition of a facility that is eligible for the statutory cap on emission fees. In 1996, an emission fee cap was placed on midsize electric generating facilities. Three facilities, in Fremont, Grand Island, and Hastings, were paying a disproportionate amount of emission fees per capita. So the cap was put in place to bring them more in line with the per capita payments of larger electric generating facilities, which also have a cap in statute. In 2003, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality notified the city of Fremont that the department now