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LB 9, 401

as Chair of Government, has selected LB 401 as one of the committee's two priority bills for this session. And that's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 737-741.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to General File, consent calendar bills. And I suggest that you read the rules for consent calendar, Rules 1 and Rule 2. Mr. Clerk, LB 9.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 9, by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Bill introduced on January 6, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, to open on LB 9.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. This bill was reported out unanimously by the Government, Military Affairs Committee. It is the same as a measure that was reported last year out from the committee, but died for lack of time to pass the process. In the city of Lincoln, we allow our city council to delegate to the planning division the acceptance of certain kinds of plats. We have a preliminary plat system, we have a final plat system, for subdivision. And by delegating it, we save about...anyplace from 20 to 40, 45 days in the planning process. This bill applies only to a county with a primary class city; so therefore, it's only for Lancaster County. It allows the county to do the same thing that the city can do, and that is that the county commissioners may delegate the approval of a subdivision plat for...to the county planning commission or to the planning director. Understand that an aggrieved party by such an approval will have the rights to appeal. So it's not the final word. Anybody who is, as I said, aggrieved, may appeal. What the process will do is to allow us to streamline what we're now doing, use our resources better. We won't save money, but we will save the application of time by personnel who have lots of work to do, at a more limited basis, and it will also speed the process of plat approval. It will also mirror that practice which is done inside the city limits with those that are done in the county, so that developers who are working in both will have