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Board files a report with the State Records Board. The report would include the same information that the court is required to provide. Why is the Executive Board interested in this now? Well, last year, the Executive Board and the State Records Board entered into a one-year agreement to have Nebrask(at) Online provide an enhanced bill tracking system for the 2005 Session. The system includes bill tracking, automatic e-mail notification, and the opportunity for development of user profiles. Fees are assessed to those who track large number of bills, but the basic electronic bill book and e-mail notification are available to the public at no charge. However, in order for Nebrask(at) Online to continue to collect this fee, the Executive Board would have to get approval from the State Records Board. That, of course, raises the same constitutional separation of powers issue that the court was concerned about earlier. LB 525 will exempt the Legislature from the approval process in the same way the courts are exempt. To summarize, under this proposed legislation, the Executive Board will be able to maintain its contract with the State Records Board to use the services of the state's gateway manager, Nebrask(at) Online. In turn, Nebrask(at) Online will receive direct access to legislative information, provide enhanced bill tracking services to the public at no charge, and charge a fee for premium bill tracking services. In addition, Nebrask(at) Online will continue to provide both the enhanced and premium bill tracking services to the Legislature and state agencies at no charge. The Executive Board will keep the State Records Board informed by providing a report, and will take into consideration any recommendations made by the State Records Board. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Engel. Further speaking to LB 525? Senator Engel, I see none. You may close. Senator Engel waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 525. All those in favor signify by voting aye; those opposed, nay. Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 525.