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entertain any questions that anyone may have. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on LB 352. The floor is now open for discussion. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Senator Preister, you're recognized to close. Senator Preister waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 352 advance to E & R? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 352.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: LB 352 does advance. We'll now move to the next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 299, by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Introduced on January 10, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0500, Legislative Journal page 577.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. This just came out of reading the Omaha World-Herald. I saw a couple of years ago that the Douglas County system for property valuations allowed a single commissioner to hear appeals from the people inside their area, and decide the appeals for their constituents, acting alone and singly. It just struck me that there was an opportunity for...bad judgment, shall we say? And so I introduced this bill. Now, I'm sticking my nose into Douglas County business. It was just my own idea. But it struck me that that was not the way to run a ship. The committee agreed. We reported the bill out. And by the way, I have had subsequent e-mails from the Douglas County Board, saying that they have dropped that proposal; they're not doing it any longer. This bill says, you can't have single commissioner appeal processes in which the