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thank you, Mr. President. Oh, and it also has an emergency clause on it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 684A. Discussion from the floor? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. Senator Schimek waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 684A advance to E & R? Those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 684A.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: LB 684A does advance. Next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 668, by Senator Johnson. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19, referred to General Affairs, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM0684, Legislative Journal page 730.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Johnson, you're recognized to open on LB 668.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this bill is to transfer land that is located south of the Youth Rehab Development Center in Kearney. This land has been associated with this institution ever since its origination. My understanding is that it was to be used for one of two purposes. One is that there were farming operations that were carried out by the residents, or at least thought of at one time. And indeed, there was a section that was used for gardening, et cetera. This, however, is an irrigated corn field. It's located across, south of Highway 30, from the institution. This land is actually governed, shall we say, by Health and Human Services Committee (sic), since the Youth Development Center is under their auspices. We have a willing giver in Health and Human Services, a willing receiver in the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The...one of the things that was a question is that there is rent from this irrigated land. I think the last figure I saw was \$33,000 per year. In the amendment that will be coming forth, there is a provision where