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actual general election. I just wanted to give everyone a heads-up, so that you will have time to look at that when it's filed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion on advancement of LB 682? Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood for a motion, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 682 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to advance LB 682 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed to the motion, nay. LB 682 is advanced. We now move on. Next portion of the agenda, General File, 2005 senator priority bills, Bourne division. Mr. Clerk, LB 673.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 673. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 19 of this year, referred to the Agriculture Committee. That committee reported the bill to General File. It has been considered previously. There are committee amendments pending. Amendments to the committee amendments by Senator Louden, Beutler, have been adopted. Currently, we're considering FA165, offered by Senator Chambers. (Legislative Journal page 1195.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Louden, would you give us a quick recap of the contents of LB 673, please?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. LB 673 is intended to provide a management plan for the black-tailed prairie dog. The bill is drafted to allow, not to require, counties to adopt the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Plan. Not all counties in Nebraska have a problem with prairie dogs. That is the reason LB 673 is drafted so that counties may adopt the plan if they have areas that require management to allow the ecosystem to support a range of wildlife