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within four weeks of the notice of a vacancy, that if a nominee is not confirmed at that meeting, notifications will continue to be made at subsequent meetings, until the office is filled. This bill also was brought to me by the League of Municipalities. I ask for your advancement of LB 1067.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. You've heard the opening on LB 1067. Open for discussion. Senator Connealy, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close. Senator Connealy waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 1067 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1067. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1067 advances. We now go to the next bill, LB 1178, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1178, introduced by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 18 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. (AM2225, Legislative Journal page 640.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen, to open on LB 1178.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 1178 was introduced at the request of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System because the federal funding from the National Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC, for the Nebraska Brain Injury Registry have been discontinued and, therefore, no dollars will be coming from that agency, and there are no state funds available to continue this registry. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System has access, however, to a hospital discharge database provided under a contract with the Nebraska Hospital Association. That