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PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would move that we'd advance the bill to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Senator Schmit, do you want to take up LB 535?

CLERK: (Read title to LB 535). There are committee amendments, Mr. President, by the Government and ... Agriculture and Environment Committee, signed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendments. The bill was introduced by the Committee on Environment as expressed by Senator Nichol. There was some discussion at the hearing. I think that Senator Nichol, by virtue of the fact that it is a bill that is particularly suited to Western Nebraska and only that part of the state, can explain it to our satisfaction. Will you do it for us, Bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Schmit. This has to do with the testing of sugar beet content and the tare taken from the sugar beets at the time they're taken to the sugar beet dumps. It involves only two entities, one the Great Western Sugar Company, and the other The Non-Stock Cooperative Beet Growers Association mostly in the Western end of the state.

At the time the sugar beets are brought to the station, the unloading station -- commonly called the beet dumps, a tare is taken which means the dirt that is on the beets is tested. At the time the beets are taken in they are also tested as to the sugar content in the sampling of the beets that are cleaned off. In 1969 it was requested by the Legislature that the State of Nebraska, through their Weights and Measures which is a subdivision of the Agriculture Department, make these tests for the Non-Stock Cooperative Beet Growers Association. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent per ton, I believe it was, was charged to the growers for this service. The service has not been good, in fact, the State of Nebraska testing laboratory, as I understand it, gets out there many days after the campaign starts in the Fall. So the Non-Stock Cooperative Beet Growers Association has requested that this bill be repealed.