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PRESIDENT: We will pass over that.

CLERK: LB 514 is the same thing.

PRESIDENT: Pass over.

CLERK: LB 515 is Senator Glenn Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to have proceedings on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 515 introduced by Senator Goodrich of the 20th District. Read title. There are Committee amendments by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, this is a dog bill, not a cock bill. This was brought in by Senator Goodrich and what it does, the amendment is it allows the cities or municipalities to set their own amount for their licenses and I would ask for the adoption of the Committee amendments. Senator Goodrich will go ahead and make his pitch.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Do you wish to be recognized, Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, I think the body is entitled to a little explanation, as to what we are up to here. As originally introduced, the bill was to solve one problem and that was in Omaha. The amount that you can charge for a dog license, for example, was limited by the statutes and, consequently, the dog pound or the humane society couldn't survive on that amount of money so what they had been doing is going out and begging the industry all over town for donations to run the show out there. So what we did, we introduced a bill to let Omaha set its own rates, let the local governing board or council set its rates to cover the cost of the operation of the humane society. Now after we did that, then several other groups came in, these other municipalities from all over the state came in and they wanted to be included in it because they had the same problem. So we rewrote the bill and that is the Committee statement. Excuse me, the Committee amendment is a rewriting of the bill to cover the other towns that wanted to be brought into it. That is the only difference between the original bill and the Committee amendment, rather, is to expand it to let other towns set their own rates, too. I strongly urge the adoption of the Committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes. The question is, shall the Committee amendments be adopted? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.