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for an opening statement on the bill.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, LB 262 can best be explained to you by reading the letter that I circulated about 20 to 30 minutes ago from Robert Blasey who is the Assistant Director of the Division of Licensure and Standards to a Sister Sarah Deeby of the Service of Mary Province. The letter...and actually I will just read it to you so you will understand what it says. It says: "You have inquired as to whether or not the provisions of nursing care at the Mother House of the Servants of Mary in Omaha, Nebraska, solely for the members of the religious order would qualify for exemption from meeting the specific government regulations. The answer is that an exemption is granted in such circumstances to a religious organization only if that religious organization is specifically mentioned in Section 21-608 of the Nebraska statutes. This is a requirement of Section 71-2017 of the Nebraska statutes. Currently the Servants of Mary are not mentioned in Section 21-608 of the Nebraska statutes. Not until such section is amended to make such mention can the exemption be granted." In other words, we are just listing the Servants of Mary which is a...if I say this right, I hope, an order of Catholic nuns that run the Marian High School in Omaha, and if we list them over in 21-608, they can then use the advantages of all other religious orders as far as the maintenance and operation and that sort of thing of their convent where they house the older members of their religious order. It is for that reason I am asking you to adopt...or move this bill which in turn places them in there. Incidentally while we were having the public hearing on this it was kind of humorous to kind of kid the good Sister Sarah about listing her over here with the Masonic Order, Eastern Star, and a few things like that, but she took it in a very good nature and went along with the joke very well. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? If not, the motion is to advance LB 262 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote. Have you all recorded your vote? The Clerk will record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. We now proceed to LB 40. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 40 was offered by Senator Hoagland. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 6. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The