

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 108 offered by Senator Vard Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 7, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are Government Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis. The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have the committee amendments and they are on a different topic than the library confidentiality. They are on the topic of the confidentiality of certain records in the public power industry and utilities. It is on LB 108 because we had two bills that both dealt with the same section of law and we thought since we approved of both of the ideas we put them in one bill and not try to try two different bills on the floor. The amendments come to us from public power districts that want it clear that they do not have to release the list of their consumers, one of the reasons being people take those lists and start using them for commercial purposes, sending them special kinds of offers, that kind of thing. Secondly, the bankers for utilities, the REA, require the utilities to obtain financial information of, for example, large livestock operations, large ranching operations, to see whether or not they are on a firm foundation and since the utility serves as the intermediary, the information gatherer, they want to make it explicit that they do not need to reveal this kind of credit information to third parties that are essentially disinterested in that relationship. Of course the REA would be free or would the private individual be free in making those records explicit. This is an exception then to the open records law of Nebraska which indicates that for the overwhelming majority of official records there is complete access to the public. We have listed certain kinds of measures which are not open to the public and the utilities want it clear that they do not need to give lists of their consumers or the sensitive financial information that they take from their consumers on behalf of the REA to be made public. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments. Is there further discussion? If not, all those vote aye or nay on the motion. We are voting on the adoption of amendments to LB 108. Please record your vote. Please record your vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments on LB 108. Shall I give them twenty seconds, Senator Landis? We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 108. Please record your vote. We are voting on the