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LB 30, 41, 51, 52, 109, 113, 128
151, 187, 371, 417

PRESIDENT: LB 113 is advanced. The next one is LB 371.

CLERK: Mr. President. LB 371...

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, may I interrupt to say that while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign, LBs 30, 41, 51, 52, 109, 128, 151, 187, and 417. Proceed, Mr. Clerk, thank you.

CLERK: 371, Mr. President, was a bill offered by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 18 for the first time. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are Judiciary Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland for the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, LB 371 is a bill introduced by Senator Beutler to deal with the issue of the current lack of coverage in the Nebraska criminal laws pertaining to people that misuse computers, unauthorized misuse of computers. Basically, in the committee. the bill was rewritten, was largely rewritten, and if you look at your bill books you will see that the committee amendments replace about three-quarters of the operative language of the bill. Because it is going to be impossible to discuss the committee amendments without discussing the bill, Mr. President, what I would suggest is that Senator Beutler, the sponsor of the bill, further explain the committee amendments because in the process he will be explaining the bill as well. So with the Chair's permission, I will ask Senator Beutler to further explain the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Hoagland, Senator Chambers, and other members of the committee did have a number of useful suggestions so the bill has been taken and basically rewritten in the committee amendments. Sections 3, 4, and 5 in the committee amendments plus what is shown now as Section 5 on the green copy which will become Section 6, those four sections are the operative provisions of the bill. Okay, and then you have in your green copy definitions on page 1 and 2 and