

and tenants has been around a long time. I don't know when that was adopted. But the problem has come in that we have not made the bridge between the Real Property Landlord and Tenant Act and the Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act, at least in a few counties, particularly here in Lancaster County and this bill attempts to do that. It says that one of the options that was there under the Real Property Landlord and Tenant Act which says if you have a problem with a tenant and you want to get the tenant out, you can take their property and just throw it out, basically on the street, that's not an option any longer. The reason that we take that option away is that, oh, frankly, there's a health hazard and we've had problems in Lincoln with hazardous waste being dumped out there and other problems affecting people and it's a health hazard. And that's the reason that Senator Kristensen passed the Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act to begin with three years ago so we'd have a process to deal with that and it has not been in effect in the way he, I think, envisioned with that legislation being passed a few years ago, at least here in Lancaster County. It may be the case in other counties as well, I'm not sure. So anyway, this says, no, you can't dump the stuff out on the street anymore, that's out. You have to follow the Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act that we adopted previously and you can do so when you get access to the premises under court order under the writ. So I think it takes care of the problems that we've had. It doesn't change any of the existing statutes but it does deal with this problem of dumping the property out on the street. With that I'd be happy to answer questions and encourage your vote to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Is there any further discussion of LB 175? Seeing none, Senator Wesely, any closing? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 175. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 175.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 175 advances. LB 159.

CLERK: LB 159, a bill introduced by Senator Hartnett and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Madam President.