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Systems will conduct an executive session tomorrow at 8:15 a.m. in Room 2022; that's the Retirement Committee, tomorrow morning at 8:15 in Room 2022. Amendments to LB 1050 by Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Landis, LB 609. Hearing notices from Judiciary Committee. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1040, LB 464, LB 1036, LB 934, and LB 984, LB 1038, and LB 1039 to Select File; and Appropriations Committee reports LB 1265 to General File; Health, LB 1310 General File; Business and Labor, LB 1126, General File; those signed by the respective chairpersons. (See pages 791-98 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, Senator Maurstad would move to place LB 952 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Maurstad filed his motion on February 12, found on Journal page 761.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad to open on his motion.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. First of all, I would like to thank the Speaker for scheduling this motion concerning my priority bill, LB 952 this morning, which was indefinitely postponed by the Judiciary Committee. I am hoping that after some discussion, we can have an up or down vote on the motion to place LB 952 on General File. In 1995, I introduced with 25 colleagues LB 863 dealing with vehicular pursuits. That was LB 863. That bill was also indefinitely postponed and we went through a similar exercise last year where we had this same motion where 28 senators voted yes to bring that bill to the floor. As a result of that, we did have an interim study with the Judiciary Committee this summer. One hearing in Beatrice, one hearing in Omaha, and I have met with the trial attorneys to try to come up with a solution dealing with how we reimburse injured parties as a result of a law enforcement vehicle pursuit. Now I, obviously, believe this is a very important issue. I think a majority of the senators have demonstrated on the floor that they support the concept, and as a result, I introduced LB 952. We did have another good public hearing, the fourth one on this issue in the last 12 months, but from my perspective, obviously unfortunately the committee indefinitely postponed the bill. While I understand the discussion this morning will focus on the motion, I think a very brief recap of the bill would be in order. Nebraska's law is unique in that we have or hold our state and local governments