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committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Schellpeper to open on the bill.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. LB 479 is a bill that is intended to assist Nebraska's wineries in selling their products. Currently, we only have one winery in this state. It is up in my district at Pierce, but it is just getting started, and they've had several open houses up there. In order to serve wine to sell wine at their open houses, they need to have a bill like this. So this would allow them to sell wine produced at the farm winery for consumption on the premises of the winery or their farm, or if they want to sell it outside of this state, they also could. But now if they sell it outside of the state, they could do it as long as they don't sell over 15,000 gallons a year, which is a lot of wine. Currently, I think Pierce winery is up to like 2,000 gallons, so they are a long ways from the 15,000. Now if they go over the 15,000 eventually, then they would have to go through a licensed wholesaler to take care of the distribution of the wine in the next calendar year. So it's designed to help the small wineries get started. If you have never been up to Pierce, it is a real nice winery up there. It was given an award for a new business in 1996, the outstanding new business, and so if you haven't been up there, you should go up to Pierce sometime to see this winery. But I would move for the adoption of LB 479.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 479? Seeing none, Senator Schellpeper waives closing. The question before you is the advancement of LB 479. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

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

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 479 advances. LB 364.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 364 was introduced by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15 of this year, referred to the Banking Committee.