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SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The call is raised, and I would announce that while the Legislature is in session capable of transacting business, I would propose to sign and do sign LR 68, (LR) 69, (LR) 70, (LR) 71, (LR) 74, (LR) 75, (LR) 76, (LR) 77, (LR) 78, (LR) 50, and (LR) 79. Mr. Clerk, do you have any items for the record? Next bill, Mr. Clerk. LB 161.

CLERK: (LB) 161, Mr. President. Introduced by Senator Hudkins and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Judiciary Committee, the bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0135 appears on page 510 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 161 is a change to what we have currently. What we have right now says that a person may receive an appointment as a law enforcement official if they have completed the training program at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, or another training that has been approved by the Nebraska Police Standards Academy Council. In 1994, we passed legislation saying that if a person had not been awarded a certificate of this successful completion, they still could receive an appointment as a law enforcement officer with the understanding that they would receive this training within the year. Well, if the training is not completed within a year, however, there is a problem. They could no longer be accepted as a law enforcement officer. What problems could they have that would not allow them to complete that training within a year? Well, they could have been injured. The class could have been full. They could have been called to military service. Or, in fact, they could actually be enrolled in the training and their one year anniversary date came before they completed the class. So, LB 161 would provide for an exemption to the requirement that you must have this training within the year. That's all it does. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear, for the committee amendments.