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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is simply the appropriate appropriations bill trailing LB 362, and I'd ask your advancement, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are no further lights. Any closing? Closing is waived. Question is, shall LB 362A be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 362A. Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill is advanced. LB 404.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 404 was introduced by Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Witek, and Senator Will. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 16 of this year, referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen, to open.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 404 is a bill that will add two judges to Douglas County system. It provides for an additional district judge and an additional county judge in that county. This bill does this by not filling the current vacancy for the district judge in the 12th Judicial District, out in the Panhandle, and by not filling the current judge vacancy in District 5, which is in Columbus, Seward and York area. This proposal has been recommended by the Judiciary Resource creature, excuse me, Senator Wickersham, Commission, which is comprised of lawyers, laypeople, and judges who have been given the responsibility of making up recommendations regarding judges in the state of Nebraska. The State Bar Association is also a supporter of this. This commission has voted to support the new judges in the Omaha area, and have recommended the current vacancies in District 5 and District 12 should not be filled. If there are any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them for you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Mr. Clerk, I understand we have committee amendments.