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decision being made by the court. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR CROSBY:        Discussion on LB 398?    Seeing none, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD:        I'll waive closing.

SENATOR CROSBY:        Senator Abboud waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 398. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

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

SENATOR CROSBY:        Even though the board shows 24, we do have 25 on the printout. LB 398 advances. LB 466.

ASSISTANT CLERK:      LB 466 was introduced by Senator Bromm, Matzke and Don Pederson. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 16th, referred to Judiciary. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY:        Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM:        Thank you, Madam President. A little bit of history on 466. In 1993, the Legislature passed a piece of legislation which was started out to be LB 497, I think it was amended into 792, but it was passed, which provided some significant changes in the procedures for the appointment of a guardian or conservator for a person in need of a guardian or conservator. It changed a lot of the procedures and requirements for filing petitions and how the court proceeded with that type of action. There was some concern at the time that it was creating a lot of extra work and red tape that might cause the cost of a guardian or conservatorship to be increased. But, in any event, it was passed, and over the course of the next couple of years, practitioners that do quite a bit of work in the area of guardian and conservatorship expressed concerns that, in fact, there were some problems with the legislation in '93 which did create additional costs and time involved with