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further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, do you have closing? Closing is waived. Question is the advancement of LB 788. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of 788, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'd like to make an announcement. Frequently, on the last day of the week when we're doing consent calendar, people, about this time of day, begin to get curious about what time we're likely to be working toward. Obviously, the body can stay here as long as it wants, voting down motions to adjourn and continuing to work through the agenda, if it wishes to. I would indicate that I think it would be...I would...my personal opinion is I think along about three-thirty, whenever we complete whatever bill we were working on at three-thirty, I think that would be an appropriate time to begin the long weekend. So that's just my thinking on the measure, which I thought I would share with you. Mr. Clerk, LB 551.

CLERK: (LB) 551, Mr. President, by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. LB 551 amends Section 28-1006 and 28-1011 to provide that, in addition to the criminal penalty, the court may also order restitution to private and public agencies for costs incurred and carried for abused animals as part of the sentence of an offender under the Animal Cruelty law. LB 551 also extends the right to recover such costs through separate civil action to private animal shelters where seized animals are often taken. This civil recovery is currently recognized only in political subdivisions. LB 551 also extends to the courts discretion to order seizure and disposition of animals involved in violations