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CLERK:        32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 659.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 659 is advanced. Before we move to the next bill, I would like to announce that Senator Schimek would like to recognize Dr. Matt Glenn from right here in Lincoln, who is serving as the family doctor of the day on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians, sitting under the north balcony. Dr. Glenn, welcome. Mr. Clerk, LB 94.

CLERK: (LB) 94, introduced by Senator Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Crosby, to open on LB 94.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. LB 94 is brought on behalf of the Department of Corrections. They brought to us a problem that arises from time to time in civil court matters. The department, from time to time, has inmates who are asked or rather required to testify at a civil court proceeding. They are not necessarily a party to it, but they come as a witness to provide testimony. Because they are incarcerated at the prison and so on, when you bring them across town you have to have extra security measures for the safety of the public. It requires special arrangements, extra guards are needed, and currently the department does not receive notifications early enough to organize that transportation and be aware and concerned and be sure that it's done in a safe way. LB 94 requires that the court give 15 days notice to the department that an inmate is being required to testify in court. The costs for these arrangements are to be borne by the party in the case requesting that the inmate be produced in court. There may be times the department might still be that...responsible for the payment because if they're moving the party for the production order, or if it's an inmate of the department that has the...asked for the production order, then, of course, corrections would be responsible for those. The main thrust of the bill is that 15 days notice. I'll answer any questions, if you have any. Thank you.