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beginning to drive. What the bill does in essence is that 15-year-olds applying for learners permits...permit will be required to take a written exam at the Department of Motor Vehicles. A teen must hold what we call a POP, a Provisional Operators Permit for 12 months before being eligible for a Class O license, with no more than 2 points taken off. A person accompanying a learners permit-holder must be 21 and licensed for...in Nebraska or another state. A POP driver cannot drive without a 21-year-old between midnight and 6:00 a.m., except to or from work or a school activity. And any person under 21 who has accumulated 6 points in a 12-month period will be ordered by DMV to take a driver improvement course. That is something that we did not discuss a great deal on the floor, but something you need to be aware of that is in the bill. So, with that, I thank you for your attention this morning and for being patient, and hope that we can move the bill to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 320 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 320.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It does advance. Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, priority bill designation--(LB) 1175 has been selected as one of the Education Committee priority bills. That's offered by Senator Bohlke. I have a reference report for gubernatorial appointments to be referred to appropriate Standing Committees. Hearing notices from Transportation, Revenue, Urban Affairs, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and from Retirement; those all signed by the respective chairs. Natural Resource Committee reports LB 963 to General File with amendments; Health and Human Services, (LB) 948, General File with amendments; and Health and Human Services offers confirmation hearing report. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 434-39 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We next move to LB 497. Mr. Clerk.