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call of the house. I'm just short one vote because we're just trying to suspend the rules to have a hearing, but I don't any more on the floor. Here comes somebody. If I keep talking long enough, maybe they'll come in and give me one vote, so thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to suspend the rules to permit the scheduling of a hearing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion is successful. We now turn to General File, Senator priority bills and LB 1293. Before we begin, Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Hearing notice from General Affairs Committee. Enrollment and Review reports (LB) 1070A, (LB) 1126A, (LB) 1154A, (LB) 1191A, (LB) 1219 and (LB) 1219A correctly engrossed. Motion from the Speaker with respect to (LB) 1108 and (LB) 1110. Senator Hilgert, amendments to be printed in (LB) 922. (See pages 1735-41 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 1293.

CLERK: Madam President, (LB) 1293, a bill originally introduced by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 22 of this year, at that time referred to General...or Urban Affairs, excuse me...advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett to open on the bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman and members of the body, the committee amendment becomes the bill. (AM3994.) I'd like to call your attention to the World-Herald article from February of this year which I've distributed. It's on your desk here. According to this article, we have lost more than 1,000 volunteer firefighters in the last five years. During the same period, according to the most recent report from the Fire Marshal, covering 1996, the total number of fire calls went up