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CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 248.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 248 advances. LB 284.

CLERK: (LB) 284, a bill by Senator Jones. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones, you're recognized to open on 284.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 284 would allow a holder of an explosive handler a permit to store and use explosives, up to one pound in weight, without notifying the local fire district. Currently, a licensed permitholder must give 24 hours notice to fire districts in which the explosive is to used or stored, regardless of weight. This was brought to me by attention of an employee an irrigation company in my district. They use around a half a pound explosives to clear blockage in water wells. The problem is when they go to the site, they would like to fix the problem, but under state law they are required to have a 24 hour notice to the fire district in which the explosives are being used. So what it does is saves everybody a little bit of money, because they're out there working on a well, and they pull it up the column, and they decide that there's got to be some blockage in the screen someplace, so they lower a camera down and find out where the blockage is, and lower this little amount of explosives down there and clear it out. So that's all the bill does. It was in Judiciary, and it came out eight to nothing. And there's no opponents to the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Jones, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 284 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 284.