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CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Discussion on the advancement of LB 882? Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would only ask that you advance the bill as now presented, and thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The question is the advancement of LB 882. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 882.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced and the call is raised. Mr. Clerk, LB 382.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 382, a bill introduced by Senator Lynch and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13 of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lynch, you're recognized to open on LB 382.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I think this is one of the important bills we have to consider this year, because it means so much for the state of Nebraska. For a long time in Nebraska we have had to be without serious competition with other major cities, like Denver, and St. Louis, and Kansas City for conventions that, with a convention center, as proposed in this legislation, we could, in fact, compete. I would like to get out of the way immediately the debate and argument about gambling. As you all know, we have competition across the river from Omaha, in Iowa. Rumor has it they may or may not build a convention center. They already have some facilities. I'm concerned that if we don't make any...if we don't take an active part in trying to accomplish a convention center in Nebraska,