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CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 410

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 410 does advance. I would like to announce that Senator Price has with us today Dr. Cindi Dodge from Lincoln, and she is also the doctor of the day. So would you please rise and let the body welcome you. Thank you for being here. Madam Clerk, bills for introduction.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (Read LB 1306-1321 by title for the first time. Legislative Journal pages 323-326.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 153 by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0449, Legislative Journal page 759, First Session, 1999.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Thompson, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The State Patrol was formed in Nebraska in 1937 for the purpose of traffic enforcement and accident investigation. In the subsequent years, they've gone from those kind of core duties to an additional set of duties that numbers 56 today. I've passed out a description of this bill and also on the pink sheet what I feel is the core of the issue, and I would like to read the statement on the pink sheet which, hopefully, you will be receiving shortly. And this is the report by the Police Officers' Association of Nebraska, Police Chiefs' Association of Nebraska, Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, Nebraska State Patrol, US Attorneys' Office, Nebraska County Attorneys Association and the Crime Commission in August of 1998. In here, this is an excerpt from that study. In 1978, the Nebraska State Patrol had 394 officers performing 27 mission-related duties. Today the Patrol has 377.5 officers, significantly less, and this is my editorial comment to the number in 1998, performing 56