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absent it's often difficult to get any action taken. So I'm just...I know...I think we heard this bill last year. No, we haven't heard this bill before in Urban Affairs? But I just...I find it unusual and I just wanted to bring it to the members' attention. I don't know if we do anything like this anywhere else and I don't know if this is the best solution, but I'm certainly not going to oppose the bill and will vote to advance it at this point.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further debate on the advancement of LB 179? Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I would just like to thank Bill Stadtwald for the work that he did on the committee amendments, Senator Hartnett and the interest of the committee. And, Senator Schimek, yes, this did raise some eyebrows with me as well when I was approached with the bill. One of the ideas that I had was appoint people that show up. But, because you do need four out of the five to approve a variance and not a simple majority, I can more appreciate the need for the alternates, et cetera. But, anyway, that being as it may, the city of Omaha believes it needs it. I believe them when they say that. We have had a backlog of these constant layovers of action before the zoning board of appeals, therefore, I would encourage the body to join with me in supporting LB 179. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Question is the advancement of LB 179. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 179 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill, LB 166, a bill by Senator Hudkins. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General