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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:    ...and Senator Chambers.    Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT:      Thank you, Mr. President, members.    After reviewing this bill, it does have provisions that HHS will address what is a danger in our homes in the state of Nebraska. I spoke with Senator Kremer and Senator Jensen...we...about a topic that we accomplished last year regarding lead paint remediation. Last year, Health and Human Services was directed to establish procedures whereby we license and so forth and certify lead remediation efforts. In the city of Omaha, we have, I believe, over \$2 million of federal money that can't be drawn down because we had set the certification fees too high last year. We had a bill, LB 230, that was heard before Health and Human Services, that simply lowers the fee for certification. It was noncontroversial. We had...it came out of committee without any opposition. And I just wanted to alert the body that I might attempt on Select File to amend LB 230 into Senator Kremer's bill. And I didn't want to surprise anyone or blindside anyone. It's a noncontroversial measure. But it does give the body some opportunity to review LB 230. And it's fairly obvious and evident how the two bills are very, very similar. They're both promulgating rules and regulations and so forth regarding a danger in our homes. And I'll file the amendment as soon as we can draft one. But I did want to alert the body to that. And if anyone should want to comment or have a concern, have them have that opportunity to contact me way before we see this bill once again on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:    Thank you, Senator Hilgert.    Senator Cudaback on the advancement of LB 668

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Mr. President, members, I guess I know just enough about this bill to be dangerous. I want to ask Senator Kremer a question later on here. But all these water issues, we're trying to come up with a zero...you know, a zero death rate. And that's fine. But these zero death rate is almost...you just simply can't...you can't get there from here. You just can't get there from here. It's costing these little towns and the villages and the...even the larger cities, many, many, many dollars. You know, our state has filed lawsuits,