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April 17, 2001 LB 620, 833

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Motion is agreed to. We'll move to the vote on the advancement of LB 620. Roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1511-1512.) 41 ayes, 3 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 620 is advanced. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, a series of amendments to be printed to LB 620 in the Legislative Journal. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1512-1513.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk, the next bill.

CLERK: LB 833, by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM1338, Legislative Journal page 1340.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on LB 833.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to thank Senator Kremer for making LB 833 a priority bill, otherwise we probably would not have the opportunity to bring this proposal to the floor, so I appreciate that very much. The idea contained in LB 833 was brought to me a few months ago, before the session started, by a consortium of school districts throughout the state, school districts who had, for one reason or another, been unable to access funding for distance learning facilities in their respective districts. These are high school districts, and about 50 Nebraska high schools without distance learning capabilities. We talked about it and we talked about ways to possibly seek funding to permit these schools to participate and I've tried to become familiar with the history of schools that do have the capabilities and how that happened, and really discovered that in 1998, LB 1228 changed the way in which the Education Innovation Funds proceeds, which are part of