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signed Senator Barnett. It's a bill for an act to adopt the Vietnam Veterans' Education Loan Act of 73.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

CLERK: Bill is signed by Senators Barnett, Stull, Fellman, Richendifer, DeCamp and Carpenter.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I had a statement of intent, being drafted right now. I thought it would be on your desk by the time we finished. Evidently it's not here but it'll be around in a minute and you can see that what I've said is the truth. What the purpose of this bill, or, I should say, the purpose of this bill is a Vietnam veteran, representative of them came to me and suggested that they would like to have the possibilities of making loans to go to school or to receive a loan so that they could go to school at the State of Nebraska or any college here in Nebraska. At the present time World War II veterans, Korean veterans, have the full benefits of education in the State of Nebraska and I would assume these are from Federal programs. The Vietnam veteran is just asking for a loan. Now, I would like to be able to really say that I wish they could come under the same benefits as the other people but at the present time they can't so they're asking for a loan and then their purpose is for the loan, that they would pay it back after the completion of school by staying in the State of Nebraska and also, the rates of interest and the methods for achieving this are presented in this bill and I would ask--

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, before you proceed and before somebody else pops up and tells you that you are out of order, the Chair will have to remind you that you'll have to stand by until we get that statement of intent on the desk.

SENATOR BARNETT: I do?

SPEAKER: So, thank you. Yes sir. Under the rules, page 22.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'm sorry, I don't know like you do, Mr. President and I apologize.--

SPEAKER: That's o.k. We appreciate your explanation.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Stand by and we'll process your request here as soon as we get the statement of intent on the desk.

SENATOR BARNETT: I thought it was supposed to have been out by now.

SPEAKER: Well, you did a good job of stalling. It's all right.

SENATOR BARNETT: I can't help it they're not moving very fast.

SPEAKER: I was trying too. Now, Senator Maresh, for what purpose do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR MARESH: I have a letter here from Joe Fowler stating that tomorrow the lights will be extensively bright due to a filming of the documentary film here on the floor so he hopes that we will bear with this during this filming.