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the general fund. This is the money they would raise for certifying these people. They just have to have the authority to spend it. I would move it to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 355A to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 141.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 141 was a bill introduced by the Education Committee. (Read by title LB 141.) The bill was read on January 9. It was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. The Committee amendments were adopted by the body on February 21. There was a motion made to indefinitely postpone that prevailed. On February 27 Senator Koch made a motion to reconsider and that motion was adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. The body has debated LB 141 on two different occasions. What we're doing is to provide one additional responsibility for the Postsecondary Coordination Commission which deals with verifying those institutions who would attempt to establish ongoing programs in the state of Nebraska, verify them in terms of staff, in terms of credibility, credit hours, tuition fees, and things of this nature. There are presently seventeen states who passed similar laws because in a search for students today as you may well know there are all kinds of institutions where they feel there may be opportunity of making money who may present themselves as a credible institution of higher learning and attempt to obtain not necessarily to the benefit of the student but the dollars that may be accrued simply because of tuition fees. What we're doing here is to give to the Postsecondary Coordination Commission the responsibility of approving all these kinds of institutions prior to the time that they would be approved to operate in the state of Nebraska. I ask for the advancement of LB 141 to E & R Initial.