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earlier, provides that there has to be notification by the Department before any fee can be assessed as a penalty. That is all the bill does. It is kind of a housekeeping measure and I move for the advancement of the bill to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the bill to E & R for review vote aye, opposed vote no. LB 540. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of LB 540. Have you all voted on the advancement of the bill? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Next bill is LB 86.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 86. Title read. The bill was read on January 5. It was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, LB 86, committee amendments.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the amendments given to us by Senator Landis and Senator Landis will explain what they do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill was brought to the Government and Military Affairs Committee by Senator Murphy on behalf of, as I understand it, the media of Nebraska or perhaps the press among others would be the correct identification of the body that brought us or the group, rather, that brought us this bill. In the committee after the hearing, I suggested the adoption of two procedural pieces of language that come from the model state act on open records. Senator Murphy has brought us a bill and LB 86 is a bill concerning the opening of public records and their availability to people and the mechanisms to ensure that our public records are open, in fact, to the public. The bill was met with wholehearted approval by the committee and the amendments offered by myself to the committee were offered in the spirit of advancing the concepts of the bill. They are two procedures to allow for greater responsiveness by government to the request of an individual for public records. In the first