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LB 87, 437

you hold your hands up so we can recognize you, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Higgins, on the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I will be brief so that others can be heard today. LB 87 is to improve procedures in the handling of intoxicated persons, both for the benefit of themselves and the community at large. The procedure would be changed to allow the removal of intoxicated persons from quasi public property as well as from public property and to require that intoxicated persons be taken into civil protected custody for up to, as amended by the committee, twenty-four hours. I urge the advancement of the body of LB 87. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 87. If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the advancement of LB 87? Record the vote.

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

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is advanced. We will take up LB 437.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 437 was offered by the Urban Affairs Committee and signed by its members. (Read.) The bill was read on January 20, referred to Urban Affairs. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by the Urban Affairs Committee, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Is Senator Landis in the room? 437, the committee amendments on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 437 is an Urban Affairs Committee bill. It is meant to more than clarify, change some provisions with respect to the implementation of speed ordinances for railroad trains in the cities of Nebraska. There are committee amendments. They are substantial in that they make it explicit that we are talking only about speed limitation ordinances. As originally drafted the bill applied to any ordinance which directly or indirectly affected the operations of an interstate railroad. That has been changed now to talk only about speed limit ordinances so that is a narrowing by the committee amendments and, secondly, rather than requiring a special hearing on the ordinance, LB 437 as amended by the committee amendments requires that railroads be apprised of the first reading of the proposed speed limitation ordinances. This means then that the committee amendments limit considerably the application of the section only to the instance of speed limitation ordinances and, secondly, it does away with the