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an excellent ordinance on the books which was working well and had the concurrence of the Nebraska Pawnbrokers Association. It was suggested at the public hearing that the Judiciary Committee rewrite the pawnbroker's law incorporating many of the procedures currently being followed by the City of Omaha and by the Nebraska Pawnbroker's Association. It should be noted that outside of Lincoln and Omaha there were very few businesses that would be affected by this act. Judiciary Committee staff, with the cooperation of the Omaha city attorney, Omaha Police Department and the Nebraska Pawnbroker's Association and with input from the Lincoln city attorney's office rewrote the entire pawnbrokers chapter to update the language and to incorporate many of the provisions of the Omaha ordinance. These provisions are largely procedural in nature and spell out in statute how pawned property has to be handled and disposed of. To give you an example of how vague the current statutes are it is quite possible that many of the current laws which apply to pawnbrokers may also apply to modern banking procedures.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left on the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: I am more than willing to go through this rewrite and give you section by section summary of the bill, however, Senator Clark has indicated that I talked too much on these procedural matters so I will end it here and be glad to answer any questions you might have.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 44. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: LB 44 is advanced and take up LB 173.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 173 is a bill introduced by Senator Warner. (Read.) The bill was read on January 14. It was referred to the Ag and Environment Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Ag and Environment Committee, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit, on the amendments. Do you want Senator Warner to take the committee amendments?