and referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, I have no amendments at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: Go ahead. Explain the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, better luck to Bill this time. LB 598 simply allows the technical community colleges to participate in the emergency efficiency grant program administered by the State Energy Office. The bill provides for no additional funding. All it does is provide that the technical community colleges may participate with the school districts in applying for matching grants to increase the energy efficiency of their buildings. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler, did you want to speak on this?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes. I think this is a good idea. I think Senator Nichol has an excellent bill here, something to involve the community colleges in this program. I think they certainly deserve to be included and I think this is a much better idea than the last one. I certainly support it. Maybe I will make up for opposing the last one, I don't know.

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

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: While we are waiting for the vote, I would like to announce that Mr. Gary Goldberg from Kearney, Nebraska, guest of Ron Cope, is under the North balcony. Will you stand and be recognized please? Welcome to the Legislature. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

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

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is advanced. LB 646.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 646, introduced by Senator Goodrich. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year. It was referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, at this time I have no amendments pending.