

issue that you're going to circulate. If you recall with the circulation by the tax coalition people last year or year before last, there were two petitions involved, two initiatives involved, and the state law required those individuals to have two separate bonds. This bill, LB 559, says that that petitioner may be bonded under a single bond even though he is going to circulate more than one initiative type of project outside their county. The requirements for bonding are very minimal. The cost of the bonds are about \$30.00 and the increase to circulate more than one petition would increase slightly the bond rate, but it would not double or it may not increase it at all. We have had no opposition to the bill. The Secretary of State, Allen Beermann, was there to testify that indeed this is all that the bill does and it's probably in his estimation a good idea and I would urge its passage.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 559? If not, the motion is to advance the bill from General File. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance 559.

PRESIDENT: LB 559 is advanced. Next is LB 359.

CLERK: 359, Mr. President, offered by Senator DeCamp. (Title read.) The bill was first read on January 18, referred to Miscellaneous Subjects, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this bill is a direct result of a 1983 federal court of appeals decision. In 1983 Offutt Air Force Base, and this is what it deals with, Offutt Air Force Base, was buying their liquor that they then resell from Nebraska wholesalers. The 1983 decision ruled that states could not impose a state excise tax, which Nebraska does, on alcoholic beverages that go to federal military installations. Because Nebraska's law was not changed and because the Offutt people were not going to pay that tax they simply started buying their liquor that then is used for resale elsewhere so they don't pay the tax. What this does is bring our law into compliance as most other states