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LB 792 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee.

PRESIDENT: I guess we have agreement, Senator Wesely, that we'll proceed in about half an hour.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: I'll time then and hope to expedite it if it is necessary. The Chair recognizes you, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 792 was a bill that I introduced on behalf of the Nebraska Energy Office. It was a bill that the Energy Office had worked on over the interim and brought to me, having worked on energy issues in the past, to deal with a very simple situation. We have adopted, through Senator DeCamp and myself and Senator Fowler, a weatherization program for schools in this state. That program has been very successful in weatherizing our public school buildings. That program was a model on which now we've received some national attention. But the cities and counties have many public buildings as well and have not had the opportunity to have assistance in the work that they have to do to weatherize their buildings. So bills have been introduced, in the past, to try to find a way to help these local subdivisions with their public building weatherization plans. We came up with LB 792 as a way that would be, without cost to the state, a valuable assistance to cities and counties to assist them as they weatherize their public buildings. All it does is allow NIFA to issue bonds to cities and counties to assist them in their weatherization projects. It expands NIFA just in this slight manner to provide for this opportunity to weatherize these buildings. The League of Municipalities, County Officials, Energy Office, LES are supporting this concept. I see no reason why we can't proceed with this legislation. I'd ask your support for placing this bill on General File.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this bill was, in fact, killed by the Banking Committee. I think it was killed very heavily. In fact, to the best of my knowledge, I was the only...I may have been and I'm not going to look it up right now, I think I was the only one that voted against killing.