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permit people who are in the Air Force or in the military services who live in Nebraska or are domiciled here but stationed abroad to register and vote in elections. Because of some of the current guidelines in the statute, the time frame allowed for the mailing out of absentee ballots and the registration processes that need to be gone through create a heavy burden against those who wish to be absentee ballot voters while in other countries, and the purpose of this act is to allow for mail in registration and to allow for ballots to be sent out and then back in in time for absentee registration and balloting by overseas armed force members. There are amendments that will be drawn for the bill for Select File consideration by Allen Beermann. Allen indicates that with just a little...some changes in some language that the guidelines in the bill can be used and incorporated into Nebraska statutes so that there will be some additional work done on the bill but it should satisfy the needs of our own election laws as they were seen by Allen Beermann. I, too, join in the desire to see this bill advanced this afternoon.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp waives closing. The motion is to advance LB 1158. All those in favor of the motion will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill is advanced. Before we move to the next bill, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce some guests of Senator Dan Lynch who are in the north balcony from the North Omaha Kiwanis. Would you stand that we may recognize you and welcome to the Unicameral. The next bill is 1227. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1227 was introduced by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) It was heard by the Executive Board, public hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Marsh, you are going to take this, I believe. Is that correct?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 1227 amends three sections of the statutes