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every member would be unreasonable. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: This particular amendment you can.. the body can do what they want with it. I think that Senator Cavanaugh has pointed out that could conceivably cause a nit-picky problem. I would like to point out one thing that particular language that has been in the current act and has been adopted in the 1972 session of the legislature, I believe. So the language has been on the books for awhile. I have no real objection to it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not the motion is to adopt. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion is adopted. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: No further amendments.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Anderson what shall we do with the bill as amended.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, I move that LB 325 as amended be advanced to E & R initial. I think that in the discussion of the amendments, we have already covered most of the things that were trying to do with the bill. I'll simply review them again. One is that I want to recognize in considering this act, is that Nebraska does have an open meeting statute on the books. What were trying to do is to strengthen that to cover the abuses of the current act that have arisen in the past few years. Primarily those cover the enforcement procedure in the present act. There was a belief that the media could provide an enforcement without any real other enforcement procedures and of course this has not proven to be the case. Another thing is to cover the entire meeting. It has been possible to avoid coverage of the open meeting act by having briefing sessions, by having a meeting closed for executive session and virtually the entire meeting and opening up the motions and take a vote to cover or give broader coverage to the public bodies that are making public policy and should be covered by an open meetings act since they are effecting the interests of the public. So, with that much of an explanation I think that I will stop and answer any questions that there are and reserve any other comments for closing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have a question of Senator Anderson. In section two, and in sub-section B and C; B says by the Legislature and C says by the executive branch of this state. I don't really get the meaning of those terms there.