

the department to kind of sign off on those and, lastly, it puts a definition of aquaculture into the bill as it was intended to be in. So that, quite simply, is my amendments to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Pappas, do you care to speak to the amendment to the amendment? Senator Coordsen. Any discussion on the Moore amendment to the amendment? If not, all in favor of voting for the amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Moore's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Back to the committee amendments as amended. Senator Pappas. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Johnson really addressed the history of this particular amendment in that we had many proposals, many vehicles to help production agriculture across the board in Nebraska, not the money to fund all of them. As you'll see when the A bill comes up, we were able to fit a beginning, a beginning in a lot of different endeavors back into the Department of Agriculture within the framework of the Governor's proposed budget. The last few years the Department of Agriculture has been pretty much regulated or delegated to regulatory authority and the promotional aspects of our great agriculture industry has tended to be shunted over to the Department of Economic Development wherein was not the expertise to carry out their programs. I think that this is a good bill, will give us the groundwork to begin again, to begin anew, to promote the great agricultural base of Nebraska and encourage the diversification of that base. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, closing on the committee amendments.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry, I guess I lost my place here, but anyway, I think, as I pointed out earlier, the amendments do become the bill and I would like to speak to the bill, but I think it would be best to adopt the committee amendments first and then proceed, so I would move the committee amendments.