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to General File. I have no committee amendments. Senator Johnson did have an amendment printed, Mr. President, on page 1945. I understand, Senator, you want to withdraw that amendment?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: If we may, we would like to withdraw that and substitute the motion that you have on your desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lowell Johnson would move to amend the bill with amendment 1238.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will speak both for the amendment and the bill at the same time. The intent of LB 684 and the amendment which we now have before us is to only clarify the language of the Nebraska Tractor Test law to make clear what the Legislature intended when it passed LB 768 last legislative session. Last year during our regular session, our Nebraska Tractor Test law was rewritten by LB 768, and the intent of that legislation was to avoid duplicate testing for acceptance, by the Economic Cooperation and Development agency, test results from any test stations of other countries and allow the University Tractor Testing Lab to become the official U.S. OECD test station. To accomplish this, Nebraska would accept results of the official test stations of other countries in reciprocity for those accepting Nebraska tests. Now the Nebraska tractor testing program to date has not been authorized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, who has jurisdiction in this matter, as an official OECD test site. As a result, no new tractors intended for sale in Nebraska have been or are being tested in Nebraska, and the potential exists for some other agency outside the State of Nebraska to be designated an official U.S. OECD test site. It is the intent that the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory would under this bill test U.S. manufactured tractors and the results would be accepted as the official U.S. test by countries who are members of the OECD. The language of LB 684, before us now, requires that the State of Nebraska accept test results from any official designated OECD test agency station. The U.S. test station is yet to be selected by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, or the FIEI, and the University of Nebraska's test laboratory now has submitted and a proposal is pending to the FIEI to be named as the official U.S. OECD test station. The original intent of LB 768 was to eliminate duplicate testing considering the global nature of the tractor