

have closing, Senator Hartnett? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the Hartnett amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Hartnett's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Lindsay, Will and Hall would move to amend. AM1450.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lindsay, do you wish to open on this?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, this amendment would incorporate what was LB 79 into the bill. It's an issue that we have seen here before with, I think, somewhat mixed results. The bill would exempt...let me back up. The bill was originally introduced when the Revenue Department reinterpreted the...our statutes to require that memberships in organizations are subject to sales tax if, by virtue of that membership, you are entitled to admittance into different events. It's probably known to most of you as the zoo bill. The...because it was introduced by an animal, maybe. (Laughter.) The...it was originally brought by the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. There's going to be an amendment offered to clean up the language on it, first of all, before we actually get to the bill. But what it would do is right now when memberships are sold, they're sold for a lump sum amount. It makes it very difficult then to...if you've got a 35 or \$40 membership then to add in whatever the 5.5 percent tax and sell a membership for \$42 and X cents, or whatever. So what happens is that the organization ends up swallowing the cost of that...of that sales tax. The zoo in Omaha, of course, is one of the major tourist attractions in the state, as draws quite a few people annually to the Omaha area. The amendment that is being offered will clean up the language that will result in the children's zoo here in Lincoln also being included in that. So, with that, I would open up to questions. It has had a public hearing because it was LB 79. I would open up to questions and answer those that I can.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. I will now recognize Senator Hall, followed by Senator Moore.