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department reacted to this as a result of the decision rendered in the Omaha World-Herald v. Dernier. It just, basically, clarifies what is a contract hire and defines wages more clearly. There is a committee amendment, but that, basically, sums up the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I do have committee amendments from the Business and Labor Committee, Mr. President. (See AM0081 on page 396 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The committee amendment to LB 168 is a simple amendment. It pertains to the definition of employment and it is intended to eliminate any indication that there are two different categories of employment. With this amendment, service for wages and service under a contract for hire are treated the same in the area of Nebraska Employment Security Law. This amendment was suggested by the Department of Labor, and is in keeping with the court decision that brought about LB 168 at its outset. With that explanation of the amendment, I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 168, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Seeing no lights, you are recognized to close on the committee amendments. Senator Vrtiska waives closing on the committee amendments. Motion before us is the adoption of the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any discussion on