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adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. For discussion on the committee amendments, the Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Brashear, just a couple of questions, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Under the committee amendment, a decision needs to be made by somebody. No autopsy need be performed, for example, if it's due to a trauma resulting from an accident. I suppose that could be any kind of an accident. We probably think first of car accidents, but it could be a gun, or an accident with a weapon of another type. And then it goes on to say the death did not occur under suspicious circumstances. Who makes that decision? Is it the coroner or the county attorney?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's the county attorney, and in many instances that's the acting county coroner.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And in many instances.... Okay, but where it's not the same, it's always the county attorney who will make the decision as to...as to whether this section comes into play or not?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes. And I believe that's consistent with existing practice.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: We're not changing anything by LB 46. The prosecutors are making the decisions now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.