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SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 704.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 704. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The amendments are agreed to.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have on LB 704 is offered by Senator Bohlke but I have a note that this amendment is to be withdrawn and substitute AM1147. (Legislative Journal page 1496.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection, so ordered. Senator Bromm, it's my understanding you're going to open on the amendment on behalf of Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. Clerk, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, this is AM1147, I believe, is that correct, Mr. Clerk?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: That's...that's correct.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, thank you. This amendment was brought to the Transportation Committee as LB 809 and was actually filed on General File by Senator Bohlke, but she withdrew the amendment to refile on Select File, and the primary purpose of this bill and this amendment was to clean up and clarify some of the provisional operator's permit provisions that were passed last year or also known as the POP license. Probably the most publicized part of this amendment would allow those who are applying for a POP license to do so within the 60 days prior to their 16th birthday, which procedurally and functionally works a lot better. The law the way it was originally passed required they be 16 before they could apply, and that's not what we've done with other classes of licenses traditionally. So it made it a little bit awkward and this accommodates that by providing that a 16-year-old can apply within the 60 days ahead of one's birthday. It does clarify some other things, and I'll try to enumerate those for the body, and I don't think that they would be considered policy changes but they are...they are as follows: It clarifies that a POP licenseholder cannot drive a commercial vehicle or a motorcycle unless they have the endorsement for that, in the case of the motorcycle, a Class M endorsement. The