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You go to the dentist for a dentist, to get your teeth fixed; the same thing here. We have to do what is best for our veterans. We know what they mean to us, we know what they've done. It just makes sense to go to the people who are...have been in a situation as they've been in. If you can't find qualified people then, naturally, you have to go seek elsewhere. But I think you can find qualified people here; the committee amendments do this. And, like I say, you take it where the interest is. And it's a good bill, I just hope the body sees that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments to LB 10.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President. And, members of the body, I really appreciate the discussion on this issue because I think the entire body needs to be aware of what this bill is all about and we need to keep our eyes trained on the problem. I don't...I didn't hear all the conversation, but I do know that at...in all of the homes, and particularly in Omaha, we are using pool employees, and we are using them at a very high rate. And they are paid more than the regular employees in order to get them on staff. So I think it's...it is a problem that it's not going to go away. This committee amendment, which becomes the bill, is a tiny, baby step, I would call it, in the right direction. And I'm very pleased about this aspect of it, because Keith Fickenscher, who is the person who will be in charge now, is a person who is really a very caring and very well-qualified person. So, I think, that's...that's very positive. With that, I would simply ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 10. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are adopted. Debate