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on in terms...in...in implementation, in compliance, and other issues that involve those programs. The amendment that you see is one more attempt to make sure that that black hole is absolutely black. It doesn't make the hole any blacker. It doesn't seal the hole, so I guess it's okay. I think it's going to be a black hole anyway, but I think it's a long-term problem for us to have a black hole in state government.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to close.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate Senator Wickersham's commentary and sometimes there are members of the Legislature that have amendments that I'm not sure what they do either and...but doesn't appear to have a problem. I would urge the adoption of this and I also would support the underlying amendment that Senator Wickersham talked about in terms of the audit and I think that's unprecedented. I'm sure that at some point in time people are going to talk about the expenditures that may occur in audits, but that's probably debate for another day and I would urge the adoption. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The question is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to AM1908 to LB 620. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** The amendment is agreed to. Further debate on AM1908? Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to close.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** I appreciate the patience of the body. Would urge the adoption of the amendment as amended. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Question is the adoption of AM1908 as amended. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.