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business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 296, LR 295.  
Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, before we proceed to the next item, if I may, the Agriculture Committee will have an Executive Session underneath the north balcony now; Agriculture, north balcony, immediately. Mr. President, Senator Raikes would move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now debating the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I rise in support of the committee amendments. I am rising in support of the committee amendments despite the report from the committee over the summer, the LR 140 study. We have not, as a committee, recommended any changes to the committee amendments, and it is on that basis that I will vote and ask you to vote for the committee amendments. However, if the committee amendments are adopted, I will not, ultimately, support the bill. Now you've seen me in this predicament on prior occasions, this is another one, but I have a separate responsibility as Chair of the committee and I will, to...to the extent I can, carry out that responsibility. I think that the committee amendments are consistent with the wishes of the principal sponsor of the bill, Senator Coordsen, and the discussion in the...in the committee, and it is on that basis that I will support them. It, the bill with the committee amendments, as indicated by Senator Landis, will, however, produce what I characterize as inequities. That would mean that I could not ultimately support the bill. We