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of the amendments, and the amendments become the bill practically. This is an Affirmative Action Committee bill brought to us with the blessings of the Governor, and if you will read Section 1, it is declared to be the public policy that each division of state government shall take positive action in all areas of operation to insure that the citizens are given a fair and equitable opportunity for employment. That is the same, the Affirmative Action Committee shall deliberate and the amendments that were offered are technical in nature. They do not change the context of the bill, except that they do take certain ones out from under us. So I move for the adoption of these amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak to the Committee amendments?

SENATOR MARSH: I second the motion to adopt the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, you light is on. Senator Haberman, your light is on. Do you wish to speak to the Committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to ask some questions, yes, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to ask Senator Marsh if she would tell us in brief what the amendments do.

SENATOR MARSH: May I defer...is Senator Johnson in the room?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson is excused today.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Senator Schmit, this puts in... this removes from the original bill the agencies which do not fall under the direct control of the Governor, and leaves, remaining in the bill are the agencies which are under the control of the government...of the Governor. This is as per the request and the agreement from various agencies as the first step forward in the Governor's Affirmative Action Plan. It also removes the University of Nebraska from jurisdiction under this piece of legislation.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Are we to believe then that the University