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CLERK: 17 ayes, 16 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The amendment is adopted to the committee amendment. Any further amendments to the committee amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, I don't believe so.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, we are back now to the committee amendments as amended if you can still see what is there.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, with the result of floor action this morning, I am not quite sure what I want to do but I know what I must do and I will and I think we are going to have to examine very carefully what we have done with the amendments to the amendments this morning before we ever go clear over to Final Reading and make our final decision. We started out with basically a clarification of LB 1 that dealt basically with those areas of taxation that both the local and the state are entitled to levy to be used in the budget process. By virtue of the amendments we have singled out at least one segment and it was not the intent of the committee to single any one out but to take all segments of governmental subdivisions into consideration. We tried to be fair and honest as we could. We did not intentionally try to provide loopholes but we did try to make it in a form that subdivisions could operate without being harmful to those operations or to the people of the State of Nebraska. I hope that we can come out in the end with that philosophy and I am sure that all of those governmental subdivisions to which we have addressed our efforts will be able to accept them, live with them and continue to operate in the manner in which democracy has continued through the years to operate and it certainly is the intent of our committee to do just that. I am going to move, Mr. President, that the committee amendments be adopted as amended knowing full well that there are areas of the bill as it now is that we need to look seriously at before we make our final decision. I am very mindful that all of those that have attempted to make these amendments good to their satisfaction are very sincere and I believe that this body dealing with this important piece of legislation, that we must deal with, will come out to those ends. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, did you still want to speak to the committee amendments because we are ready for a vote?