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SENATOR VENDITTE: Cease debate. Yes. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry. I am listening to other Senators here. Now what was your question to me, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, I have no question of the Chair.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. Do you want to speak to the committee amendments or to the bill?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I want to speak to the bill just as soon as we can get to it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right. Senator Merz, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments? We are dealing with the motion to adopt the committee amendments. Senator Merz, do you wish to speak? Senator Labeledz, do you wish to speak to the committee...

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. All right, question has been called for. You don't have to pose it. We will now, Senator Carsten, you will close on the committee amendments. That is what you wanted to close for. The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in my closing all I have to say is that it would appear, it did appear after the hearing on the original bill that it would not have substantial support to get to the floor in my opinion. It was at that point that I offered these amendments which seem to me would recognize the problem that Omaha submitted to us. Without question there were things that developed after last year that did cause some further problems. Coupled with their attempts to curtail spending, it did put them in a bind and I was willing to give them some more time for that process, and it was in that light, that I submitted the amendments after the committee adopted them. I visited with the representatives from the City of Omaha and they told me they appreciated it. They believed they could live with that and it was on that basis that I opposed Senator DeCamp. Now Senator DeCamp had come in and made another attempt to bring it back to its original form and it was from that past experience that I feel and still do that the committee amendments are sufficient.