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of Nebraska are kicked out of the computer with the signature already on them, and is that a facsimile signature?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I believe it is. A facsimile signature is for the legal purpose of serving as a signature to indicate the endorsement of that person.

SENATOR KAHLE: Even though the person may never have seen the article being signaturized?

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right. You will also notice that on the \$1 bill there is the signature of the Secretary of the Treasury. I mean there is a place in which facsimile signatures are necessary for a government to go forward.

SENATOR KAHLE: That example really worries me, I'll tell you. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion on the committee amendments? If not, all those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the committee amendments as amended.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Johnson, do you wish to explain the bill?
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SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill is not going to shake the columns that hold up this hallowed Chamber, I am sure, but it will save time and effort and money on the part of many people in the area that we are providing for. Utility departments in the first class cities have grown over the years to the point that now every month there are numerous orders for disbursement of funds and a large number of payroll checks associated with each municipal utility. By statute these checks and orders must be individually signed by designated members of the boards of public works. Likewise, disbursement of county hospital funds for bills, claims and salaries must be signed by the hospital superintendent and the president and the secretary of the board of trustees. The intention of this bill is to reduce unnecessary