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with that, I would close on the committee amendments and urge their adoption by the body.

SENATOR KAHLE: The issue is to adopt the committee amendments. Those favoring that vote aye, those opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Committee amendments are adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely has an amendment to the bill.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you have had passed out on your desk a number of materials concerning this bill. One of those materials that you received concerns the amendment and you should be able to find a copy of the wording of the amendment in the different materials that you have on your desk concerning LB 241. Essentially with this amendment we make it very clear, although we believe that it is implicit in the bill anyway, but we still make it very clear with this additional section which this amendment would provide for that, number one, you could leave a sign up, that that would be possible even for a city to go ahead and leave the sign up that is nonconforming and just leave it at that point and then, number two, it would require that when a business or a commercial or industrial premise would change ownership or in any way need to change their sign, that they would then when they change that sign have to make the new sign in conformance with the existing ordinance. So I think that gets out a lot of the problems some of the individuals that have opposed this concept in the past have talked about. Certainly what it does is provide for a very orderly and less expensive effort to change over and to bring in time total compliance with the present ordinances of the city, in any city in the state for that matter. By doing this, essentially you have a percentage of signs that every year have to be changed because businesses go out of business or somebody takes over a new business, and at that time they may change the sign, and so when they do that, they would be required under this to come into conformance with the ordinance, whatever ordinance may be adopted by whatever city in the state. At the same time, we would make it clear that again a grandfather clause would exist and that you would not