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four additional reports to be included under LB 545. One of them is connected with the Department of Welfare involving their annual report, one with the Department of... two with the Department of Health, rather, involving Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Standards Advisory Committee report, and an annual report of State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Those three are included in that particular amendment. I move for the adoption of that amendment, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the amendment to the bill as explained by Senator Johnson. All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the amendment to the bill as explained by Senator Lowell Johnson. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Senator Johnson, do you want to explain the bill now?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President. The members will please note that we have passed out two items, one was the amendment, one is an information sheet upon which we have listed all of the agencies and departments which are affected by LB 545. All on the righthand side of that sheet except the last 9 are actually abolishment of the annual reports. The last 9 convert from an annual to a biennial report. LB 545 repeals the statutory requirements where some 65 state agencies publish annual reports and would change 9 other annual reports to a biennial report. In its study of annual reports, the Governor's Task Force Commission for Government Improvement recommended abolishment and some modification of the requirement that state agencies publish annual reports which are of little or no value to the State of Nebraska and to the taxpayers. Now it is not suggested here that all the information and data developed by agencies of state government is unnecessary. We are only suggesting that we take this step to help in monitoring the reporting process of that information. It should be noted that the Task Force went to great lengths to verify the annual reports tagged for elimination or modification, and they do indeed provide superfluous information. We have had exceptional cooperation from the departments and agencies in consideration of LB 545's provisions for these modifications and eliminations. Contact was made not once but several times with every affected agency. In some cases we have even been encouraged to add