

those in favor of adopting the committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Jacky Smith on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, I will keep this very simple. As I stated when I was talking about the amendments, this is in response to some things that took place or rather there was a shortage in the bill itself, I guess, as far as the Supreme Court was concerned when we passed LB 911 because of the fact that they actually did...we attached some standards. We delegated the authority of the Legislature, our legislative authority, to the cities to make a decision whether to issue or deny licenses, liquor licenses, at their discretion. We also attached, in that bill, a set of standards for cities to look at but we did not limit them to those standards. And so, in addition to looking at those standards, some communities added their own local standards which then did not make it be a uniform method of determining whether or not a license could be granted and that's what became unconstitutional. So what we have done now in this piece of legislation is set up in one section 21 standards which all communities will look at and only look at, nothing in addition, they will all be using the same standards in determining whether to allow or deny a liquor license. That's really the purpose of the bill and if there is anyone that has a question, I would be glad to answer anything further on the description of the bill if you would like to have that done. I should also tell you that this was drafted in response to that Supreme Court decision by a task force of people who were representatives of the League of...they were attorneys representing cities across the state and we had representatives from Lincoln, Omaha, Bellevue...no not Bellevue, Beatrice, Kearney and Norfolk. So we did have a representation from across the state in doing this. And we have also asked for the E clause to become a part of the bill so that it could become enacted immediately.