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amendment becomes the bill and maybe Senator Landis would like to speak on the purpose of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Urban Affairs Committee and the staff did an excellent job of redrafting LB 95 to comport with our existing natural gas regulation method which is a method of municipal regulation unique to Nebraska. When the bill was originally drawn we did not trip certain of the regulatory authorities that we should have, nor did we perhaps define as clearly as we should have the steps that the city would have to go through and the qualifying conditions that would have to be met before the powers in this bill could be exercised. The goal of the bill remains the same, however, and that is to permit the prospect of bringing into Lincoln a pipeline of gas, thereby creating a competitive situation and potentially lower costs for natural gas. And I just want to thank the staff of the Urban Affairs Committee for having done an excellent job in analyzing and redrafting the bill. I urge the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I simply would echo the words of Senator Landis to adopt the committee amendments and then advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no further lights. We'll assume that was your closing. Those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Landis, on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, actually the bill has been relatively well explained by Senator Hartnett. The goal of the bill, again, is to allow the City of Lincoln to regulate a pipeline into its city to link up with its distribution system in hopes of