CLERK: Mr. President, LB 444 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Ashford. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Urban Affairs Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Hartnett, please, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, what the committee amendments do are technical in nature, Τ The proposed amendment would revise the bill to exempt quess. it from the existing home rule charter provision which provides the rights to contract and it would then also extend any period of the year as deemed necessary advisable by the city or The amendment would exempt a city council or village village. board which would act as the museum board from any prior requirements as the length of term or numbers or members of the board. The member provides that the power of the museum board may be exercised by the party with the city and is contracting for the use of the museum as set forth in the contract. This bill was brought to us by the people at Western Heritage Museum and it simply deals with...a reason for the home rule charter simply deals with, provides provisions with the City of Omaha. And with that, I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to take a moment to introduce another group visiting in our north balcony. This is the second installment of the students visiting us this morning. They are visiting as a result of a Nebraska Farm Bureau seminar. Would you students from all over the state please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you very much. We're glad to have you here. Any discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? If not, those in favor of the adoption of those amendments please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. To the bill as amended, Senator Hartnett.