

SENATOR BAACK: Sure. Thank you, Mr. President. I think that that pretty well explains what the committee amendments do. If we go ahead and adopt these committee amendments, then I will go through the bill section by section and explain exactly what the bill does. I don't think that it's...this is not a bill to make the recall process necessarily more difficult. I think it is a bill that makes the recall process much more meaningful and that's the goal of the committee, to try and make it more meaningful, not necessarily to limit the process, but just to make it be a very meaningful process which I think it should be. Rather than being used as a harassment tool, which it has been done in the past, we want to make it a very meaningful process if we can. With that, I would be glad to answer any questions on the committee amendments. If there are none, I would just urge you to adopt the committee amendments and then I will go ahead and explain the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony. Senator Morrissey has 21 students and their teacher from the elementary school in Pawnee City. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us. We also have guests in the north balcony of Senator Coordsen and Senator Byars. We have 8 children and 4 adults from a home school in Jefferson, Saline and Gage Counties with their leader. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And thank you for visiting us today. Now we're back on the bill. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk? Okay, Senator Baack, would you explain the bill, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Certainly. Mr. President and members, as I stated when I first started on the committee amendments, the Government Committee has been looking at this issue for a couple of years. I think it came to the forefront at the end of 1986 and with the recall of Mayor Boyle in Omaha and then that was followed in 1987 by a rash of recalls across the State of Nebraska. There was kind of an uproar among public officials saying that we need to take a look at this process and we need