

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. There are no other lights on. Senator Baack, would you care to close on the amendment?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, just briefly, I would...I know that Senator Lynch had talked about it, and in the committee amendments we do strike the sunset and I am supportive of that. I don't think that we should do that either, and that was part of the compromise and that's not something that we need to do. I think that 429 takes a reasoned approach though, and I don't think it wipes out certificate of need altogether. There is still some triggers in there that will trigger some things to happen and will trigger some review of certain services that are offered because some of the technical things that are...some of the highly technical machinery and stuff that is available these days will be triggered by certificate of need. So some of those things will still be...still trigger certificate of need, so it doesn't repeal it altogether. I don't think we should do that now either. With that, I would just urge you to adopt this amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You've heard the close on the amendment to the committee amendments. The question before you now is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: That is all the amendments I have to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Before we go on to the committee amendments themselves, I'd like to take a moment to introduce to the Legislature some very special guests that we have in the rear of the Chamber today. With us today we have participants of the American Legion National Oratorical Contest finals. They are being held here in Lincoln tomorrow morning at the Nebraska Continuing Education Center. We have four of the finalists with us. I'd like to have them be recognized and raise their hand as I call out their name. First, from Huntsville, Alabama, we have Angela Ruth Weaver. From Milwaukee, Wisconsin, we have Joy M. Whitten. From Hydes, Maryland, we have Martin Kelly, Jr. And