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responding to those questions. I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Smith has 55 sixth graders from Longfellow School in Hastings visiting today. They're just on their way out with their teacher. Thank you for coming. There are no other lights on. The question is the adoption of the amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I move to readvance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Shall the bill be readvanced? All in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. The bill is readvanced. LB 323.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to return Legislative Bill 323 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 2104.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Policy Review Office of the Governor's Office saw that there might be potential constitutional difficulty in retaining an old closed classification which had given the Attorney General's Office difficulty with its concept in earlier years. We met with the PRO and with the Department of Health, with the assistance of the Attorney General, and realized that, to make sure that we met the standards that were appropriate, that we needed to have open classifications. Therefore, this amendment says that optometrists who graduate from this date forward, when coming into the state either from Nebraska or from outstate, will be tested on the full range of the optometric scope of practice. People who have graduated heretofore, however, will take an exam of one of three levels, either the level that is for everything or, if they wish to, they may have the old scope of practice without any use of eye drops, or the use of eye drops in a diagnostic sense or a therapeutic sense, and that that will be offered to people who live in the state and outside