

all there is and I move that the committee amendment be adopted. I would also recommend that the bill be eventually advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Smith. Thank you. Senator Crosby. Thank you. Any discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? If not, those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendments to the bill are adopted. To the bill as amended, Senator Robak, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 742 is a simple bill, just simply clarifies the current law that requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules requiring both a minimum acuity level of vision and a minimum field of vision. These minimal levels can be met by using bioptic or telescopic lenses in addition to eyeglasses or contact lenses. Several years ago the Department of Motor Vehicles did permit applicants to use bioptic and telescopic lenses to meet vision standards. The administration changed and, therefore, there came a change of rules on this matter. In other words, the legislation is now necessary because the administration changed their rules and not because the Legislature changed the law. This administrative policy change has affected hundreds of Nebraskans who relied on their ability to drive to raise their family and make a living. These people had no accidents or citations and they lost their driving privileges simply because a new administration and a new administrator did not believe in the use of bioptic lenses or telescopic lenses. Current law, in Section 60-407 provides that adequate vision standards to obtain a driver's license are to be established by the Department of Motor Vehicles. If an examiner believes that the applicant fails to meet the standard, the applicant can present a statement from an optometrist or a doctor that the Department of Motor Vehicle standards are met, however, the vision standards cannot be met using bioptic or telescopic lenses. Bioptic telescopes are telescopes that are mounted on a pair of glasses. They look like a jeweler's magnifier. This amount of magnification varies from person to person. Low level drivers are taught to use, taught to look through their telescope when they need to see detail, otherwise