

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. To the committee amendments as amended, Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we have had a discussion on the committee amendments and as we added Senator Ashford's amendment to those, the discussion has centered totally around the committee amendments and that will become the bill, so with that I would just urge your adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to 164. Please record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Ashford, to the bill as amended.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are there any lights on on the bill? Or I could just...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One light.

SENATOR ASHFORD: One light. Just briefly, I believe we've discussed most of the issues on the amendment. I would just stress to the body that there is a present need to advance this bill this session and I appreciate the fact that we could get this bill up for debate and that it was a Speaker priority bill. If we don't act this session, the school board, in all likelihood will sell Joslyn Castle and it may very probably be sold for a commercial purpose. Certainly such a purpose is not in line with the intent of the original deeding of the Joslyn Castle to the citizens of Omaha. It is an architecturally significant building. I hope and I believe that the project will be a living museum, will be open to the public and will really be a tremendous asset to the...those other facilities such as the Kennard House, the Willa Cather Home, the Ferguson House and other facilities which the state has ownership of. With that, I would just again urge that the bill be advanced. Thank you.