

the committee amendments to LB 260. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator, you want to go to your amendment or the bill?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chair recognizes Senator Conway.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway's amendment may be found on page 474 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, and members, on, as the Clerk mentioned, page 474 is an amendment which is a white copy amendment that alters the original proposal enough that we thought it deemed proper to put it into a white copy, and that way we can work off one piece. It's AM2218. Senator Chamber raised some interesting points as he starts to address this whole topic. This is not a new topic to this body, or excuse me Chambers...is not a new topic to this body or at least for several of us who have worked on this bill. In 1987, I was a co-introducer of LB 701; in 1988, I introduced LB 1053; in 1989, I introduced LB 260, and LB 260 now is carried over and we've been working on it for that long, and I think rather diligently looking at some of the ramifications on some of the things that Senator Chambers has talked about. There are 17 other states that have already enacted similar legislation, including Minnesota, Kansas, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, North Dakota. In terms of in this area, South Dakota was one of the first to introduce such legislation and their legislation was struck down dealing with, I believe, a due process concern that we may look at a little bit later. So we've got some history, we've got some good information relative to what constitutes a proper approach in dealing with this. I think the main thing we have to look at in this whole issue is the profitability that is associated with the entire drug trafficking situation. If we look at the whole question of the influx of gangs, drug distribution, what is it all about? It's economic territorial rights and economic activity that is going on. This bill does not change the criminal statutes and the criminal standards we