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two that are really left. And most of these things, they have this here list. They know who is in this certain field. Now if they have any smaller things that they are purchasing, some things that don't cost quite so much, then there are some other companies but they do not take them off of the list. They are all contacted and they are put out for bids. It just isn't advertised. I think it is getting to be a very specialized field in the electric utility business and that is why they don't have very many people in here that are actually doing the bidding any more.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Does anyone else wish to speak on the motion to adopt the committee amendments? Seeing none, we will proceed with the vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on adoption of the committee amendments to LB 45. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Committee amendments are adopted. I will now recognize Senator Schellpeper for opening on LB 45.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President. I think the version that we have now of LB 45 is a very watered-down version. I just talked to Senator Lynch, he thought that the salaries still had to be published and they do not, or they do now, and they will continue to have to be published. That part was taken out of the bill, so he had a concern with that part of it, and I think several people had a concern with that part of it. So the one part that they really need is to go into another county in an election to have the whole precinct in the other county. Currently they have to just pick out whatever members they have in the other adjacent county and this would let them use the whole precinct. So I think that is needed before they get to the next election because it is much cheaper and much easier. Outside of that, I think the bill has been pretty well discussed so far this morning. So I would just move the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, just